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January 6, 2024	<b>Reaching Out to Impoverished in Long Beach</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Carmen Shantz  <u>Guest:</u> Amberly Meiter, Outreach Coordinator, Arbor Road Church, (Long Beach, CA). <a href="https://arborroad.com">https://arborroad.com</a>  <u>Description:</u> The Bible says to care for the Widowed, the Hungry/Thirsty/Naked, the Orphaned, the Imprisoned, the Sick and the Stranger. Arbor Road outreach ministries exist to <i>Know God and Make Him Known</i> by activating the local church body into its calling to meet the needs in the community. They address specific issues related to the Widowed through their ADORE program, the Orphaned through their right to life efforts and in 2024, the Imprisoned with a focus on those in jail. They serve all types that the Bible calls on for care through supporting local organizations or creating their own outreach.</p>
January 13, 2024	<b>Sonshine Haven Shares the Bible with California Schoolchildren</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Carmen Shantz  <u>Guest:</u> Dora Breuninger, Director, and Karla Bearden, Associate Director, Sonshine Haven, (El Cajon, CA). <a href="https://www.sonshinehaven.org/">https://www.sonshinehaven.org/</a>  <u>Description:</u> Sonshine Haven is a Bible club that blends grace with truth as they meet developmental and social needs while providing 2,300 elementary and middle school children in 35+ schools in seven school districts in San Diego County with free, faith-based after school clubs. The growing clubs consist of Bible lessons, memorization verse, games, snacks and prayer and all organized through the help of volunteers. They also offer free Life Skills classes, Thanksgiving-in-a-Box and Christmas Adopt-a-Family to help club kids and their families in need.</p>
January 20, 2024	<b>Stay Focused Ministries Meets Basic Needs in Golden State</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Carmen Shantz  <u>Guest:</u> Manuel Carrizea, Founder, Stay Focused Ministries, (Bakersfield, CA). <a href="https://www.stayfocused.org/">https://www.stayfocused.org/</a>  <u>Description:</u> Stay Focused Ministries strives to build a stronger, more nourished community ensuring basic needs are met, including access to food, shelter and employment within a faith-based environment. Their mission since 1990 has been to curb violence in the community and keep kids off the streets through sidewalk therapy, mentoring programs, crisis intervention, and fun activities for 6-to-12-year olds (fishing, bowling, boating). Their youth groups also do community service to serve 200+ senior citizens through meals and sharing stories ) The high schoolers</p>

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		mentor the elementary kids. Stay Focused Ministries also does food distribution, help the homeless, and work with parolees on anger management and substance abuse on their value and character qualities. Education is emphasized, and later, the youth will bring their kids when they are adults.
January 27, 2024	<b>Food Stewardship Ministry in California</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Carmen Shantz  <u>Guest:</u> Emogene Bott, Executive Director, Fresno Metro Ministries, (Fresno, CA). <a href="https://www.fresnetmin.org">https://www.fresnetmin.org</a>  <u>Description:</u> Fresno Metro Ministry utilizes interrelated food stewardship program areas organized under the umbrella brand of Food to Share are specifically designed and operated to address extreme food hardship, prevent chronic disease, promote healthy food-related economic development, and found and organize a cross-sector policy and action agenda for food-based health in Fresno County include Healthy Food Recovery, Redistribution, and Food Waste Prevention; Community Gardens and Urban Farming; Cooking Matters Nutrition Education and Cooking Skills Classes, and Fresno Food Policy Council Development and Support. Their mission is to connect with the community, then engage and their clients want to be heard, are hungry, and in need housing. They have five empty vans that go to warehouses and grocery stores to fill pantries with healthy food once a week. Fresno Metro Ministries goes into communities and gives out groceries, then they host cooking classes to kids and parents, as well as hold a community holistic garden, with a plot for each family.</p>
February 3 and March 2, 2024	<b>Long Beach Food Bank of Southern California</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Carmen Shantz  <u>Guest:</u> Laurie Settle, Product Acquisition Manager, Food Bank of Southern CA, (Long Beach, CA). <a href="https://www.foodbankofsocal.org/">https://www.foodbankofsocal.org/</a>  <u>Description:</u> The Mission of the Foodbank is to provide healthy, nutritious food to the community’s hungry residents and to ensure that no individual goes hungry, not even for a single day. With 275 partners who go back to own communities, they also offer a mobile food pantry and provide brown bag lunches that go to seniors, supplying 300 food banks on a mostly weekly basis. For distribution, they set up in parks and are most appreciative of donations, good food (including protein), and volunteers. They</p>

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		wish to obtain more office space and a new building. As long as there are hungry children, families, and seniors in our community, The Foodbank of Southern California intends to be to major force in the fight against hunger.
March 9, 2024	<b>Responding to Crises in California with Hope</b>	<u>Host:</u> Carmen Shantz <u>Guest:</u> Kelsey Parra, Executive Director, Crisis House (El Cajon, CA). <a href="https://www.crisishouse.org/">https://www.crisishouse.org/</a> <u>Description:</u> Crisis House responds to break the cycle of domestic violence, child abuse and homelessness. Their goal is to connect families, children and individuals to crucial resources that empower them to renew their lives. At Camp Hope, youth exposed to violence can attend their monthly events. Donations gift cards, volunteers all welcomed. Learn more through their social media, website and telethon.
March 16, 2024	<b>Generating Income for California and Other Missions</b>	<u>Host:</u> Carmen Shantz <u>Guest:</u> Kristin Palm, Representative, Resurrection Church, (Bakersfield, CA). <a href="https://junkatique.org">https://junkatique.org</a> <u>Description:</u> Junk-Atique is a thrift store operated by the Resurrection Church to minister to their clients and put the income back into the Church’s missions. The Church maintains an antique-thrift store near places of great need, as they wish to provide a haven with friendly faces and sweet music. They partner with Teen Challenge, helping those entering a new season of sobriety or being drug-free. Donations are sought for clothes and furniture and big ticket items, as they help the homeless with items to make a new start. Funds raised are distributed to local organizations that address issues such as homelessness, unplanned pregnancy and food provision. Additionally, a portion also supports mission programs in other countries.
March 23, 2024	<b>Preventing Abuse in California: Danger Aware</b>	<u>Host:</u> Carmen Shantz <u>Guest:</u> Fonda Lehman, Founder and CEO, Danger Aware, (Fresno, CA). <a href="https://dangeraware.org">https://dangeraware.org</a> <u>Description:</u> Danger Aware was established as a means to provide books and video games about Abuse Awareness to children all over the country. She created a free game three years ago to teach kids how to question and push back on normal adults with questionable behavior especially relatives and authority figures. Because of internet exposures, there may be bad actors getting access to kids.

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		The materials try to teach the young and vulnerable that if something confuses or harms them, they need to tell their parents. And when they feel they cannot speak to a parent, then they need to tell the police, or a teacher, or a fireman, or preacher, or all of them. Because it is only through exposure of the grooming that we can prevent the abuse.
March 30, 2024	<b>Long Beach Rescue Mission Provides for Homeless and Impoverished</b>	<u>Host:</u> Carmen Shantz <u>Guest:</u> Jeff Levine, Executive Director, Long Beach Rescue Mission, (Long Beach, CA). <a href="https://lbrm.org/">https://lbrm.org/</a> <u>Description:</u> Long Beach Rescue Mission provides food, clothing, shelter and spiritual guidance to the homeless and less fortunate people of the community. They have two programs; one a 90-day case management program, where the client is held accountable for their time and resources are extended as long as the client cooperates and progresses and the second is their discipleship program that addresses emotional needs as a result of childhood trauma. The Mission feeds seven hundred to eight hundred people a day. There is great need for volunteers.

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January 6, 2024	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Developing Good Habits and Stronger Relationships</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(25 minutes)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser  <u>Guest:</u> Shaunti Feldhahn, Author of <i>The Kindness Challenge</i>, Social Researcher, and Speaker, (Norcross, GA).  <a href="https://shaunti.com/">https://shaunti.com/</a>; <a href="http://www.jointhekindnesschallenge.com">www.jointhekindnesschallenge.com</a>  <u>Description:</u> The Apostle Paul says in Philippians 4, “do not be anxious about anything,” but that is much easier said than done, especially when it comes to money. Most couples (92%) have some degree of conflict or tension around money. When couples argue or disagree about money, what is really going on deep down within? There are five different factors that determine couples’ response to money-related conflicts. One of the factors discussed was, “we don’t value what the other person values.” Shaunti discussed how couples can communicate their needs and values to each other to better understand what the real issue is in a money conflict. In a marriage relationship, learning to be financially responsible and creating a budget is great, but if a spouse is not on the same page with creating a budget, that can make being financially responsible frustrating. Finally, Shaunti explained the importance of kindness in all relationships and encouraged taking the <i>Kindness Challenge</i> and then employing the following steps: nix the negative, practice praise, and be generous to start the new year with good habits and stronger relationships.</p>
January 13, 2024	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How to Build Stronger, Safer Neighborhoods in America</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(25 minutes)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser  <u>Guest:</u> Reverend Markel Hutchens, CEO, MovementForward, Inc., <i>Faith and Blue Movement</i>, (Atlanta, GA). <a href="https://faithandblue.org/">https://faithandblue.org/</a>  <u>Description:</u> Strong communities are built through mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement and faith institutions are key pillars of each community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive. Faith and Blue was inaugurated in 2020 by MovementForward, Inc., working with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) at the U.S. Department of Justice. The ties that bind officers and residents must be reinforced if neighborhoods are to be built where everyone feels safe and included. Faith-based organizations are key to building these bonds because they are not only the largest community resource in the nation, with 65 million participants in weekly events, but because they are as diverse as our nation. Moreover, they speak to Americans’ shared conviction that we are our</p>

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		<p>brothers' and sisters' keepers. Faith and Blue seeks to facilitate safer, stronger, more just and unified communities by directly enabling local partnerships among law enforcement professionals, residents, businesses, and community groups through the connections of local faith-based organizations to re-calibrate police-community relations.</p>
January 20, 2024	<p><b>School Choice and Curriculum Options: Creating A Biblical Worldview for Youth</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(25 minutes)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser  <u>Guest:</u> Reverend Joel Maus, Superintendent of <i>Smithtown Christian School</i>, (Smithtown, NY). <a href="https://www.learnwithscs.org/">https://www.learnwithscs.org/</a>  <u>Description:</u> Parents in America are concerned about the rise of nonBiblical ideology in public schools and erosion of parental rights, spurring many families to seek a model of education that prioritizes parental involvement. Rev. Maus shared that school choice is important in that it allows parents to choose what school they desire their child to attend, despite any financial constraints. For 40 years, Smithtown Christian School (SCS) has been a place where faculty, staff, and administration are committed to preparing the youth of today to be the leaders of tomorrow. SCS is a faithful, caring community, in the midst of an unstable and confusing world, where students are educated to think Biblically, serve effectively, and lead Christ-centered lives through academic excellence and spiritual growth. At SCS, parents have the opportunity to see their children encouraged to pursue academic excellence so that through their careers, passions, and daily lives, students can effectively glorify God and minister to others.</p>
January 27, 2024	<p><b>Investing in the Kingdom: Faithful Stewardship through Legacy Planning/Gifts</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(25 minutes)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser  <u>Guest:</u> Brian Miller, Private Wealth Advisor, the <i>Bahnsen Group</i>, (Nashville, TN). <a href="http://www.thebahnsengroup.com">www.thebahnsengroup.com</a>  <u>Description:</u> Despite inflation impacting everyone's lives, Gallup's latest polling finds that slightly less than half of U.S. adults, 46%, have a will that describes how they would like their money and estate to be handled after death. Planned giving professionals have been waiting over 20 years for legislation that would allow donors to fund charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts with funds from their IRAs without negative tax consequences. A retirement plan can be a tax-efficient and simple way of including your favorite charity in your estate plan. A charity that is named as the beneficiary does not pay income or estate taxes on the</p>

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		distribution. In short, the new "Legacy IRA" rollover into a gift annuity more than pays for itself, and most of the tax benefit is immediate. Providing these contributions support the Gospel and provide a tax benefit to consider when paired with a ministry aligning with your heart and the Bible.
February 3, 2024	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Providing Hope Beyond the Food: Fill Your Local Food Pantry</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(25 minutes)</b></p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser  <u>Guest:</u> Pastor Howie Mann, Outreach Director, <i>Lighthouse Mission</i>, (Suffolk County, NY).  <a href="https://www.lighthousemission.com/">https://www.lighthousemission.com/</a>  <u>Description:</u> The Lighthouse Mission exists to feed the hungry and help the homeless by sharing God's love with people in need in practical ways. Food insecurity is defined by the United States Department of Agriculture as the lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life and it is impacting the entire nation. For example, according to a New York State Department of Health report on food insecurity, about one in four adults (24.9 percent) in New York State experience food insecurity. Within New York State, the percentage of adults who report that they are food insecure varies by county and ranges from 11.2 percent to 39 percent. Whether caused by unemployment, poverty, and income shocks, which can prevent adequate access to food, or other reasons, Lighthouse Mission is committed to feed the poor, but their goal is to empower people to overcome poverty and live purpose-filled lives. Pastor Howie encouraged each individual to be aware of the needs from their local pantry and encouraged financial or nonperishable item donations, or for a church or small group to volunteer time and effort to gather food items or finances in the local community.</p>
February 10, 2024	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Helping Older Adults Prepare for Natural Disasters</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(~27 minutes)</b></p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser  <u>Guest:</u> Marcus Coleman, a Senior Official for the <i>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</i> and <i>DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships</i>, (Washington, DC).  <a href="http://www.ready.gov/Older-Adults">www.ready.gov/Older-Adults</a>  <u>Description:</u> Disasters and emergencies can affect anyone at any time, but older Americans are often left more susceptible to damaging consequences, especially if they are living alone, are low-income, have a disability, or live in rural areas. Seniors are more at risk due to scarce financial resources, isolation, and problems with mobility; therefore, it can be hard for seniors to</p>

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		<p>prepare for disasters. It is essential, then, for seniors and the people who care for them to give a lot of thought to how best to respond to natural disasters. They should, ideally, plan and prepare for them. “Take Control in 1, 2, 3” Campaign encourages older adults, emergency managers and all those who work with and support older adult communities to take three simple steps: 1) assess needs, 2) make a plan, and 3) engage support networks. FEMA has also created a Disaster Preparedness Guide for Older Adults that provides checklists and questions to answer under each step and is specifically designed for older adult communities. These include but are not limited to: learning about the types of disasters within their specific communities and signing up for electronic alerts, building a kit to be prepared for disaster at any time, and engaging friends, family, and caregivers in plans, ensuring they are each aware of specific needs during an emergency. Taking appropriate precautions can not only help mitigate risk and danger but help save lives.</p>
February 17, 2024	<p><b>Health Care Options for Christians as Critical Care Costs Rise</b></p> <p><b>(~28 minutes)</b></p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser  <u>Guest:</u> Katy Talento, Veteran Policy Advisor, Epidemiologist and Executive Director, <i>Alliance of Health Care Sharing Ministries</i>, (Washington, DC). <a href="http://ahcsm.org/">http://ahcsm.org/</a>  <u>Description:</u> Many Americans are skipping appointments, not getting prescriptions filled or simply are getting emotionally stressed by all the inflation and a mounting stack of bills. In fact, according to the American Psychological Association’s annual Stress in America survey, 87% of Americans say that the rising prices caused by inflation are a significant source of stress. Lower-income, younger adults and women are the most likely to report delaying care. However, Christians don’t have to face delays due to the combination of skyrocketing premiums plus high deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs: Health Care Sharing Ministries are more affordable monthly than health insurance, leaving far more in a family’s pocket to manage other out-of-pocket costs. Health Care Sharing Ministries (HCSM) should not be confused with health insurance. When members go to a doctor or hospital or incur a medical cost, they submit the bill to their community through the ministry. The community regularly shares big-ticket items like treatments for cancer or heart disease. Members pray for other members, send shares to assist with bills,</p>



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		and often mail cards and letters of encouragement. HCSM provide a way for Christians to share not only financial costs of medical care but also to convey and to receive spiritual and emotional encouragement from other believers.
February 24, 2024	<b>Emotional Health and the Importance of Male Role Models for Boys</b> <b>(30 minutes)</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser  <u>Guest:</u> Mark Hancock, Author of <i>Why Are We Sitting Here Until We Die?</i> and CEO, <i>Trail Life USA</i>, (Belton, SC).  <a href="https://www.trailifeusa.com">https://www.trailifeusa.com</a></p> <p><u>Description:</u> Going to school to learn should be the focus for students in America, but verbal and physical harassment is a continuing problem for students of all ages. The statistics paint a troubling picture: one in five high students ages 12-18 years reported being bullied during any given school year; approximately 160,000 teens reported skipping school to avoid bullying; and students who say they are frequently bullied score lower in reading, mathematics and science than their peers. Factors that cause boys in particular to bully other children are 1) the lack of a male role model in a young man's life and, 2) boys inherently process emotions differently than girls. Boys need action, activity and purpose to channel their emotions in positive and constructive ways, yet these are the very elements denied to boys during school. Boys are hard-wired with a drive for action, risk and adventure. As the largest Christ-centered, boy-focused scout-type organization in the country, Trail Life USA offers a dynamic mentor-led program that nurtures spiritual growth, teaches life lessons, and molds boys to become bold, courageous, godly men. They offer activities such as camping, hiking, and outdoor activities help build deep relationships and provide a special context for leadership, problem-solving, conflict-resolution, and character-building. Find or a start a local troop today!</p>
March 2, 2024	<b>How to Best Love Children in the Foster Care System</b> <b>(25 minutes)</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser  <u>Guest:</u> Dr. Sharen Ford, Director of Foster Care and Adoption, <i>Focus on the Family</i>, (Colorado Springs, CO).  <a href="https://www.waitnomore.org/">https://www.waitnomore.org/</a></p> <p><u>Description:</u> There are over 319,000 children currently in U.S. foster care who are unable to stay with their temporary families. By the age of 17 yrs., more than half of youth who are removed from their homes will have some encounter with the legal system – either through arrest, conviction, or detention. To add to</p>

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March 9, 2024	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Hope for Trafficked Survivors</b>  <b>(25 minutes)</b></p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser  <u>Guest:</u> Jeanne Allert, PhD, Executive Director, <i>Institute for Shelter Care</i>, (LaGrange, KY). <a href="http://www.instituteforsheltercare.org">www.instituteforsheltercare.org</a>  <u>Description:</u> Human trafficking is an affront to foundational values—that everyone is created equal and has the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It erodes our communities, weakens the rule of law, and undermines our national security. Every year, millions of people are exploited within and across borders. Many victims are exploited for commercial sex, adults and children alike. In 2023, the Institute sought to hear from the survivors themselves about their experiences in recovery. Specifically, given that 66% of trafficking shelters in the U.S. identify as Christian programs, they wanted to find out how various faith practices were helping—or hurting—survivor progress. They received 158 responses nationwide and the findings were overwhelmingly positive. This report provided them with an understanding of how various faith practices are offered in these programs, and how—in their own</p>

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March 16, 2024	<b>Christian Outreach to Trafficked Survivors</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser  <u>Guest:</u> Jeanne Allert, PhD, Executive Director, <i>Institute for Shelter Care</i>, (LaGrange, KY). <a href="http://www.instituteforsheltercare.org">www.instituteforsheltercare.org</a>  <u>Description:</u> Sexual exploitation is a national problem, and it will take each person doing our part in our own communities to raise awareness and solicit change. Christ followers have an opportunity to share the love and forgiveness they have experienced with trafficking victims, sharing the gift of time and listening. Some of the ways to join in the fight against human trafficking: 1) offer prayers for the shelter leaders, dedicated staff, and resilient survivors who stand at the frontline of this battle; 2) be a force of change in your community by volunteering at a local shelter, as time and dedication can make a life-changing difference for those seeking refuge and support; 3) be equipped with the knowledge and tools to fight trafficking effectively, using your voice to advocate against sexual exploitation. Other ways to help are to offer support to individuals struggling with pornography, become a guiding light for vulnerable children in your community, or make a lasting impact on the lives of families and children by becoming a foster parent or offering respite care. Finally, consider igniting a movement in your church or community by organizing a human trafficking awareness event.</p>
March 23, 2024	<b>Passover Implications to Palm Sunday and Easter for Christians</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser  <u>Guest:</u> Rev. Malcolm Hedding, International Spokesman and Board Member, <i>International Christian Embassy Jerusalem</i>, (Murfreesboro, TN). <a href="https://malcolmhedding.com/">https://malcolmhedding.com/</a>  <u>Description:</u> Christians in America and throughout the world are preparing for what is one of the most important celebrations of the year; the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (after his crucifixion and burial). Leading up to this triumphant celebration is Palm Sunday, which is connected to the ancient Israeli celebration of Passover that is read about in the Old Testament of</p>

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		<p>the Bible. Sadly, many in today’s American society do not seem to be aware of the Biblical events of Jesus’ death, crucifixion, burial and resurrection, even in our country where the Bible is freely available. Rev. Hedding said that teaching children of the strong Biblical connections between Passover and what Jesus did for humanity on Good Friday are powerful. It is important to note that both the Apostle Peter and John the Baptist refer to Jesus as the Lamb of God. By this imagery, they take us back to the Passover story where the blood of a lamb saved the Israelites from destruction (Exodus 12:21-23). This is precisely what Jesus has done for all of us! He has saved us from the Destroyer or the wrath to come. Rev. Hedding shared how individuals, families, and churches can celebrate Christian Passover meals to remember and share the Gospel with the next generation as Easter approaches.</p>
March 30, 2024	<p><b>Equipping Parents and the Church to Hide God’s Word in Children’s Hearts</b></p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser  <u>Guest:</u> Charles White, Retired Christian Preschool Teacher of and Editor, <a href="http://www.bibleparent.com">www.bibleparent.com</a>, (Topeka, KS).  <u>Description:</u> In the U.S., the Church is losing 86% of the children raised in church and yet only 15% of ministers regarded Sunday school as a leading concern. About 83% of Christians make their first commitment to Jesus between the ages of 4 and 14 yrs. and yet one out of four churches has closed their Sunday School, with the decline increasing every year. God’s commands for parents can be found in Deuteronomy 6:5-9: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And “these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” Charles noted that the essence of God’s commands to parents is to surround their children with Bible verses: on their walls and windows, doors and bedsides, pockets etc. His website provides many free resources, including daily Bible verses, calendars, and coloring books, for churches to reproduce and give to parents in their own “Bible Makeover” at home to bring children up in the instruction of the Lord.</p>

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January 3, 2024	<b>Assistance for the Hearing Impaired</b>	A hearing-impaired Pennsylvania couple is helping to lead a ministry for the hearing impaired in their community while breaking down false stigmas attached those with hearing impairment.
January 4, 2024	<b>Community/Police Relations</b>	An Atlanta non-profit is using barbershops as a way to bring police officers and community members together.
January 5, 2024	<b>Need for Blood Donations</b>	Marcos Perez has helped thousands of lives by donating his platelets every two weeks for the past 37 years. This wonderful act of kindness was inspired by the very transfusion that saved his life when he was born prematurely.
January 8, 2024	<b>Pro-Life Advocacy</b>	A pro-life coffee company has donated nearly \$300,000 to pregnancy resource centers nationwide to enable them to continue serving as a “shield and protector” to pregnant women.
January 9, 2024	<b>Serving the Needy</b>	A church congregation in Pennsylvania gave out gift cards worth \$50 each to all the employees of a local grocery store, while also helping to pay the bills of 200 customers.
January 11, 2024	<b>Christmas Generosity to Area Hospitals</b>	Now we all need a good hug sometimes, and one Milwaukee man made sure that children in 5 area hospitals got huge “bear hugs over the holidays.” Since starting the <i>Bear Hug Project</i> , Noel has provided the comfort of over 500 stuffed bears to hospitalized children this past Christmas.
January 16, 2024	<b>Bibles in Schools Educate Youth</b>	What began as a prayer walk outside a Virginia school has grown into a global ministry that distributes Bibles to school libraries.
January 17, 2024	<b>Child Safety/Rescue</b>	One of America’s finest rescued an 8-year-old girl from Vermont who had fallen through the ice while playing with her siblings!
January 19, 2024	<b>Community Engagement</b>	An abandoned neighborhood in Detroit came alive, all thanks to an empty lot, a fire truck full of water, and a local mother with a big heart. Kaytea Moreno-Elst saw the lot and thought it would be a perfect place to build an ice-skating rink.
January 22, 2024	<b>Shoveling Snow for the Elderly</b>	A delivery driver went above and beyond his duties to shovel a snow-covered driveway for a man who has been in a wheelchair for two decades.
January 24, 2024	<b>School Debt Lightened by Incarcerated</b>	When a high school student needed help paying his tuition fees, an unlikely group offered a helping hand: prison inmates.
January 25, 2024	<b>Church Feeds Families Worldwide</b>	Volunteers at a Tennessee church recently packed more than 101,000 meals to be delivered to hungry families worldwide.

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January 29, 2024	<b>Kind Neighborly Gesture</b>	For years, Colorado resident John Holtz used to only clear the snow in front of his home. But one day, he decided to go an extra block with his snowblower and that decision made a big impact in this neighborhood.
January 30, 2024	<b>Helping the Elderly Without Heat</b>	The Gallatin Police Department went the extra mile to assist a 72-year-old woman during last week's freezing temperatures in Tennessee. The story began when the police received a distress call from a resident whose heating system had failed. Sgt. Woodard, determined to help, mobilized a team of officers and reached out to a firewood supplier in the community. Despite the usual cost of firewood, the supplier selflessly donated it to the woman. The officers then delivered the firewood to her home, ensuring she could stay warm.
February 1, 2024	<b>Foster Care</b>	Entering the foster system can feel like a hopeless situation for a child and that's why one North Carolina organization is building free homes for foster families in an effort to keep siblings together in their own home communities. <i>Fostering Hope</i> helps build community support for foster parents and ultimately works to keep families together.
February 5, 2024	<b>Finding a Lost Wedding Ring</b>	In a remarkable display of dedication and teamwork, a South Carolina Sanitation Crew dumped its entire garbage truck load on the ground to find a woman's diamond ring!
February 7, 2024	<b>Walk for Cancer</b>	When three young sisters learned that their mother was diagnosed with breast cancer back in 2017, they knew what steps they had to take to help--and it started with their two feet! Sisters Samantha, Lauren, and Emilie Scalise organized the 2.7-mile <i>Stride for Survivors Walk</i> as a tribute for their mother, Stephanie, and as a way to help other families gain access to life-changing resources!
February 9, 2024	<b>Child Rescue</b>	The Auburn Massachusetts Police Dept. announced the rescue of a missing 12-year-old child in the freezing cold, thanks to the heroic efforts of K9 (canine) named Biza!
February 12, 2024	<b>Trapped Dog Rescue</b>	In a heartwarming rescue off the coast of Texas, a U.S. Coast Guard team discovered an unexpected passenger during a routine inspection of shipping containers. The team couldn't believe their ears when they heard scratching sounds coming from one of the containers. As they opened it up, a small furry face poked its head out – a DOG was trapped inside!
February 13, 2024	<b>Free Prom Dresses for Young Ladies</b>	A Texas church has made it easier for hundreds of girls to participate in their high school's prom night by allowing them to choose a gown from among thousands, all for free.

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February 14, 2024	<b>Valentine’s Day Widow Outreach</b>	A North Carolina woman is celebrating Valentine's Day by delivering hundreds of flower arrangements to widows.
February 16, 2024	<b>Waitress Given Generous Gift</b>	In just an extraordinary display of kindness and generosity, a customer left a staggering \$10,000 tip for a waitress at a Cafe in Benton Harbor, Michigan!
February 20, 2024	<b>Staff Appreciation Trips</b>	Sometimes one just knows when God blesses oneself with a wonderful staff. And that’s the case for restaurant owner in New Hampshire.... she’s showing her appreciation for her employees by taking them on vacations every year.
February 22, 2024	<b>Assisting Rescue Animals</b>	A pilot is giving rescue dogs a “golden ticket” out of overcrowded shelters with a new lease on life.
February 26, 2024	<b>A Miracle Recovery</b>	A mother’s love sparks a miracle, helping a woman wake up from a 5-year coma.
February 29, 2024	<b>Leap Day Celebration</b>	A group of people born of Leap Day bonded online and now they’re embarking on a cruise to celebrate their birthdays.
March 1, 2024	<b>Puppy Rescue Results in Services</b>	A small puppy dumped on the side of the street now has a future as a beloved service dog.
March 4, 2024	<b>Police Assistance for the Needy</b>	A Police Officer arrests a delivery driver, and then goes out of his way to finish delivering his order.
March 6, 2024	<b>Battling Loneliness</b>	A Utah senior center is battling loneliness with a 60,000-piece jigsaw puzzle.
March 7, 2024	<b>Library Fee Forgiveness</b>	A pet-friendly initiative is taking a Massachusetts community by storm. The Worcester Public Library just introduced "March Meowness: Felines for Fee Forgiveness."
March 8, 2024	<b>K-9 Rescue</b>	A terrifying search for a little boy in Michigan ended with a joyful reunion, thanks to a canine (K9) hero.
March 11, 2024	<b>Kindness to Neighbors</b>	An anonymous coffee lover demonstrated love for his neighbors by paying for \$4,000 worth of coffee and doughnuts.
March 13, 2024	<b>Aiding the Homeless</b>	In a heartening display of compassion, a Georgia police officer is being honored for his selfless act towards a homeless man out in the cold.
March 16, 2024	<b>Starting A Prayer Wall for Youth</b>	At Whitley County High, the issues of mental health and suicide had become a growing concern among the students, including “Sophy.” Sophy is a member of the student-led Christian organization, <i>First Priority</i> , and so she started a prayer wall to encourage herself and her friends after watching a popular trend on social media.

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March 21, 2024	<b>Tornado Relief Effort</b>	Three teams from a Cincinnati relief organization have responded to the areas devastated by tornadoes.
March 25, 2024	<b>Student Adoption</b>	A student was adopted by her principal after getting suspended. Kentucky Middle School principal, Jason Smith, opened his heart and home to a troubled student, changing the trajectory of her life.
March 27, 2024	<b>Sanctuary for Urban Families</b>	Amidst the bustling streets of Harlem, a small storefront serves as an oasis for children and families. <i>Grandma's Place</i> is a quaint book and toy shop, which thanks to its owner, Dawn Martine, has become a beacon of hope and community!
March 29, 2024	<b>Autistic Entrepreneur Inspires</b>	An entrepreneur with autism is inspiring others with his pretzel business. Marcus Moore, a business owner in Annapolis, is inspiring people with autism and other disabilities. Marcus started his business "Moore Crunch" last October for two simple reasons: he likes snacking and he likes pretzels.