

Issue and Programs Report

for

# **WJWT**

97.1 FM Gardner, MA 2nd Quarter 2014 – June 30th, 2014 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.

"Community Calendar" aired twice daily at different times to reach as many listeners as possible. (Community specific)

"Regular Programming" Programs from around the country produced by various teachers, Pastors and/or ministries.

# **Education:**

#### "Around the Town"

**Title**: Elizabeth Freeman Center (addressing sexual & domestic violence)

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Deborah Parkington – Programs Director in Pittsfield, MA

**Aired**: May 3 & 4, June 14 & 15 for 23 minutes

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Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Tammy Mosher- Army One Source Initiative in Western, MA

Aired: May 10 & 11 for 22 minutes

**Topic**: Tammy spoke to all church clergy about a free training available to teach how to help active and retired persons serving in the military. She expressed the many scars and fears they carry around and how to help counsel and encourage them in our communities and to help reenter them into the society and the workforces and normal family life.

# "Community Calendar"

In accordance to our commitment to **Education** the Community Calendar airs announcements for current events taking place in northern Worcester County twice daily.

# "Regular Programming"

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

**Pastor's Perspective** with host Don Stewart and visiting Pastors who take live calls addressing questions and comments from listeners. Program airs Monday through Friday 6:00-7:00 pm. One Friday a month is an East Coast version with Pastors from the East Coast using the same call-in format

**World News Briefing** with hosts Pastor Don Stewart taking a look at current events in the Middle East and around the world. Program airs Fridays 6:00-7:00 pm.

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# "Regular Programming"

**IRN USA News** updates every hour.

**SongTime** with host John Debrine of Hyannis, MA, a locally produced, 57 minute daily program, which airs 11:00-12:00 pm Saturdays. And a 27 minute program which airs Saturdays at 7:00am, which discuss various current events in America & around the world, and how the Bible applies to these events.

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# Family & Marriage:

#### "Around the Town"

**Title:** Educating Disadvantaged Youth

**Host:** Paula Bishop

Guest: Bill Spacciapoli, Founder/Director of J.U.M.P. (Just Understand My Potential)

**Aired:** March 15,16,22,23 at 3pm for 25:00

**Topic:** Bill Spacciapoli spoke about understanding and utilizing the potential of disadvantaged youths from the Fitchburg/Leominster, MA Boys & Girls Club. He explained how JUMP teaches them hiking and wilderness survival skills that they can carry forth and apply in everyday life. He shared an upcoming community Meet & Greet he was having on March 29th in Leominster, MA

# "Regular Programming"

**Program**: Somebody Loves You Radio Title: Marriage in Good Times and in Bad

**Teacher**: Raul Reis

Aired: May 19 thru May 30 @ 9 am for 30 minutes

**Topic**: Teaching and encouraging all listeners with Gods view on Marriage according to his

word.

**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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# **Religious Freedom:**

#### "Around the Town"

**Title**: Special Touch Ministries-Reaching the Disabled

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Jen Kippin serving in (S. NH), Kim Ferguson serving in (MA)

**Aired**: April 5, 6, 26, 27 for 25 minutes

**Topic**: Our guests informed the public of their ministry which plans events for the disabled and their families while sharing the Gospel and teaching bible studies. They welcome community involvement and they match the disabled person to local churches that meet their individual needs.

**Title**: Livingstone Foundation (God's word carved in stone)

Host: Paula Bishop

Guest: Carol Tellier Owner/Manager- Leominster, MA

Aired: May 31, June 1, 7, 8 for 21 minutes

**Topic**: A charitable & spiritual organization dedicated to proclaiming the word of God carved in massive stones. This is a free attraction open to all the community and visiting guests from around the world. You can walk and reflect upon the word of God and it is a place to fellowship and to pray. She opens her door to large church groups of all ages and to schools for worship and prayer gathering & outings.

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