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Quarterly Issues Program List

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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to WZKL, WOODSTOCK, IL, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of 1 October to 31 December. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific.

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Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Ministry – Mental Health	Closer Look	10/1/23	7:00pm	30min	Pastor Burnout, Caring for Your Leader’s Soul Surveys found a sharp rise in the number of church leaders who have seriously considered leaving full-time ministry, citing debilitating stress, anxiety, or depression. Rafael Sierra talks with Savannah Kimberlin of Barna Group and K-LOVE’s Pastor Randy who says rest and other self-care should be a guilt-free part of your life as a spiritual leader.
Special Needs	Local Closer Look	10/1/23	7:30pm	20min	Talked with Melanie Grotto, the Office Manager of We grow dreams of West Chicago. Grotto talks about the history of the organization and describes the mission and goal on which We Grow Dreams is founded upon. Grotto shares that the primary focus is to offer a quality of life for people with disabilities through employment and personal growth and reviews the hiring and training process. She also gives tips on finding the right house plant and the best practice of growing basil.
Addiction	Closer Look	10/8/23	7:00pm	30min	Kids Fooled by Fentanyl, Rx Fakes Kids are getting pills that look like Xanax or Percocet online or in the locker room. Often laced with fentanyl, these deadly drugs can be 100x stronger than morphine. “It’s terrifying,” says Pat Aussem of the Partnership to End Addiction. Ed Ternan, co-founder of Song for Charlie lost his college-aged son to one pill and now helps other parents warn their children. “We still say ‘just say no’ but we spell it K. N. O. W. because many of these young victims are dying from taking a substance they didn’t ask for.’
Senior Issues	Local Closer Look	10/8/23, 12/17/23	7:30pm	20min	Talked with Debbie Danitz, Director of Volunteer Services for the Senior Services Associates organization. Danitz explains that most seniors are unaware of the many programs that are available to seniors. From the friendly visitor program to the community exercise program, Danitz shares that the organizations primary focus is to help seniors stay independent and active within their community and to help seniors avoid isolation. She also shares information about the transportation and volunteer program to help seniors in Kane, Kendall & McHenry Counties.
Business	Closer Look	10/15/23	7:00pm	29min	Small-Business Mentors Offer Free Advice Through SCORE Your idea for a great small business needs a good plan. If you already opened your shop, you may be stumped on how to grow. SCORE mentors offer free, one-on-one advice for turning a profit. “What we have seen is that when someone meets with a mentor for 3 hours or more, they are 5x more likely to increase their revenue and stay in business.”

Mental Health	Local Closer Look	10/15/23	7:30pm	20min	Talked with Jennifer Flory, marketing and development manager with Ecker Center. Ecker Center is a resource for behavioral health care. Flory explains how the programs work to help those with substance abuse and mental health challenges. She shares how they reach into schools to discuss preventing addiction with kids. Flory explains the upward trends of addiction and decline of mental health since the pandemic.
Addiction	Closer Look	10/22/23	7:00pm	13min	Gambling, Suicide Risk and Addiction Recovery Gambling addiction is a leading cause of suicide in the United States. The thrill of the bet buries vulnerable gamblers deep in debts matched only by their secret shame. But stats prove you can win recovery, as 2 out of 3 people who seek treatment are able to stop. Rafael Sierra talks with Derek Longmeier of Problem Gambling Network of Ohio and Keith Whyte of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Need to talk? Call the National Problem Gambling Helpline: (800) 522-4700.
Faith	Closer Look	10/22/23	7:13pm	17min	Faith Of Her Father - Baby Jessica's Dad The unlikely rescue of Baby Jessica from a well back in 1987 remains one of the world's most watched news stories of all time. There were "multiple miracles," says her father Chip McClure, "more than you can count...God's hand was evident." In the days and months after, the family received thousands of calls and truckloads of mail from all over the world, people in personal distress who were encouraged by the McClure's faith and the good news of Jessica's rescue.
Homelessness	Local Closer Look	10/22/23, 11/12/23	7:30pm	20min	Talked with Allyson Gluth, Director of Home of the Home of the Sparrow. The Home of the Sparrow organization provides opportunity, and support that empowers women and children as they journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Gluth takes a deeper look into the causes of homelessness and how mental illness plays a role. She also shares a story of how someone's life was impacted from the program and services the organization offers and common stigmas regarding the homeless.
Veterans	Closer Look	10/29/23	7:00pm	18min	Disabled Vets Skydive, Drive Racecars with Ranger Road No arms? No legs? No problem! "Whether you're an amputee, double amputee, triple amputee, you're paralyzed, our skydiving, our scuba, our car races -- they are all adaptive capable." In fact, the leaders and trainers at RR events are themselves disabled vets. "Our skydiving program manager, he's an 82nd airborne guy, double amputee." Participation in these events can bring a soldier camaraderie and a renewed sense of purpose towards mental health and healing.

Special Needs	Closer Look	10/29/23	7:18pm	12min	<p>Can Play: Iowa Mom Helps Kids with Special Needs Play Sports, Have Fun</p> <p>Jack suffered six strokes when he was just 8 years old, which left him with cognitive delays, partial paralysis and 'limited ability to play.' Can Play gives kids like Jack "a place that they can come, be themselves, learn about their bodies and what their bodies can do."</p>
Special Needs	Local Closer Look	10/29/23	7:30pm	20min	<p>Talked with Jason Holden, SVP of Operations for Joni And Friends. Joni And Friends provides retreats, programs, and services for those living with disabilities. Holden shares how they work with churches to not only improve access for those with disabilities but educate on ways to improve quality of services that are inclusive. He shares stories of joyful times at their retreats not only locally but nationwide. Holden explains the importance of putting the person first and disability second.</p>
Communication	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Oct. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec Podcast 15.43min	<p>The 'Lost Art of Letter Writing' - Patti Garibay Encourages Girls to Discover Real Friends</p> <p>American Heritage Girls founder Patti Garibay is giving young girls a chance to connect the old-fashioned way – by becoming pen pals. "It's just a beautiful way to have a memory and also to have great communication with someone that they don't even know." Garibay says girls are used to a lot of disappointment, especially through negative interactions on social media. But the AHG Pen Pal program gives them a chance to foster meaningful and lasting relationships. "It is a wonderful way for likeminded girls to really foster relationship and that's doing the old-fashioned handwritten letters that are sent to each other," says Garibay. She says writing letters to each other is "a beautiful way to have a memory and also to have great communication with someone that they don't even know." Garibay believes there's something special about writing a letter to someone you care about. She says there's "sort of a blessing there, there's a focus that takes time and means 'you are worth it, you are special.'"</p>

Sports – Human Trafficking	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Oct. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec Podcast	<p>Bicycle Challenge Against Human Trafficking, Jeff Crashed At 54 mph! Amazing Recovery</p> <p>Jeff Conaway signed up with Team ZOE to take part in the super-challenging Race Across America. The ZOE goal was to raise awareness of human trafficking, especially involving children. Brad shared about ZOE's mission and also about the annual Race Across America. That is an ultra-endurance competitive cycling race that starts in Oceanside, California, with the finish line at Annapolis, Maryland, 3,100 grueling miles later. The 7-day race got underway in June of this year. Jeff and the team were 800 or 900 miles into the race when the unimaginable happened halfway through Colorado! Jeff and his bicycle crashed at 54-miles-per hour on a descent in a remote area of the Rocky Mountains near Trinidad, Colorado. Jeff became the rider who 'went down.' As his recovery continues, "It's been a blessing. I feel great." And Jeff notes that his wife, Chloe, a nurse, was initially concerned that he would never be walking again and was fully prepared to "take care of me for the rest of her life." "From that, and where I am today is nothing short of a miracle." Now, just weeks after the crash, Jeff has gotten the green light from his medical team to go back to work. He's still "nursing" his collarbone, but his wounds have healed. He's going on daily hikes with his family and even riding a stationary bike. "Back to my normal way of life and couldn't be happier!" He explains that ZOE takes part in the coast-to-coast race every-other-year, "So as long as the team wants me back, I have every intention of being on that team" in 2025.</p>
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Natural Disasters	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Oct. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec 11.11min Podcast	<p>Meet Woody Faircloth: Bringing Donated RVs To Disaster Survivors, Now in Maui</p> <p>When Woody Faircloth and his then 6-year-old daughter Luna saw the devastation of the Paradise Fire in California, they knew they had to do something. Woody came up with the idea of donating an RV to someone in need. Woody started a non-profit called Emergency RV and in the past five years, they've been able to donate more than 130 recreational vehicles to people in need. "We've delivered those now in fires in the Pacific Northwest, we helped with the big tornadoes that happened in Kentucky a couple Christmases ago, a Native America tribe who lost about 60 homes in southern Louisiana after Hurricane Ida so we've kind of expanded and have been all over the country now," Woody says. Woody jumped into action after the fires in Hawaii. "The last five that we've sent, we put on a ship to Maui to some of the 18 firefighters who lost their homes and there's just no shelter and it's a really tight market, so we were able to get free shipping." How has providing shelter affected Woody? "It's changed me fundamentally. Things that used to bother me...you know getting a flat tire on my car or just things that happen in life...it doesn't bother me anymore. I mean, my problems are really not problems."</p>
Healthcare - Ministry	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Oct. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec 10.11min Podcast	<p>U.S. Christian Doctors Use Video to Help People in Healthcare Deserts Overseas & They Share Jesus</p> <p>During the COVID pandemic, people became familiar with video to access medical care. After the pandemic, seeing that telemedicine was effective, the International Mission Board started exploring telemedicine to serve people in hard-to-reach world locations, according to Dr. Tom Hicks, the director of Global Health Strategies. A Christian medical volunteer in the States "can get a blood pressure" readout from a patient thousands of miles away. "Just put the blood pressure cuff on – and then the doctor in the U.S. is sitting at their computer and can read that. To me, what's even more impressive is the stethoscope. A nurse or a trained person overseas can lay the stethoscope on the chest, and the doctor in the U.S. can listen to the heart, diagnose murmurs," and even record an EKG. How are areas to be served chosen? "We're looking at places that have a need, that there might be an infrastructure problem so there's not a healthcare system. Or the healthcare system has been overwhelmed by a massive refugee movement or something like that." "My concern is how can we be a part of the Lord's establishing and expanding his kingdom globally? I look at the example of Jesus and I see that most of the time when Jesus is telling people about himself, pointing them to God, he is also meeting their physical needs. The telemedicine kits are being provided by way of donations, and more kits are urgently needed.</p>

Faith – Ministry	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Oct. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec 15.29min Podcast	<p>Nick Vujcic: No Arms, No Legs, But A Big Heart for Sharing Jesus</p> <p>Nick Vujcic was born in 1982, surprising his parents and doctors when they saw he had no arms or legs. It's a rare birth defect known as tetra-amelia syndrome. Nick tells us the Australian doctors were extremely apologetic that they had not detected the syndrome and offered his mother the option of abortion. For a growing boy, not having limbs and knowing what the doctors had said, gave little Nick a rough path. "Looking at my brother and sister born after me – and them having arms and legs – kind of felt a little unfair and weird. And with no answers, it's easy to start believing the lies, the little voices that say, 'you're not good enough, you're a mistake, there is no greater purpose for your life,' and so as I went to school, I was facing bullying. I went through depression at age 8 until age 12, and I felt like there was no hope for my life." During that period, Nick attempted to take his own life by drowning. Fortunately, he failed. Fast forward to today. "Here I am now at age 40, with a beautiful wife, four beautiful children, and this incredible ministry Life Without Limbs – being the hands and feet of God (even without hands & feet), standing in front of the gates of hell and redirecting traffic. I now try to encourage everyone that no matter what pain we go through, that God can do beautiful things with our broken pieces...if we give those broken pieces into his hands."</p>
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Entertainment	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Oct. and Nov. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec 20.58min Podcast	<p>Cartoons About Faith, People & Life: Respected Cartoonist Joe McKeever</p> <p>For decades, pastor and cartoonist Joe McKeever has visited churches to share the message of Christ. Often, he will meet and greet, take the time to draw portraits, and talk about Jesus while he's sketching. At some sittings, Joe will do literally dozens of portraits, sometimes dedicating two hours to be sure no one is left out. "I just sit in the corner and draw people." Besides his in-person church work, Joe has been doing cartoons and editorial cartoons for years. It's very likely you've seen some of his professional work on sites like Baptist Press. And Joe is aware that his cartoon work gets 'borrowed' quite a bit by other media sources and just regular folks on social media. And that doesn't bother him one bit. As a matter of fact, that fits into his guidance from God, who told him, "I'm to encourage people with these." If people re-post his cartoons, all the better. Most people would consider the age 82 some years past what retirement age would be, so why does Joe keep working? "Because that's what God called me to be." As a pastor with more than 40 years' experience, a masters and a doctorate, Joe often gets private email questions from pastors about situations they're up against and Joe offers his wisdom. We asked Joe what he might say to someone who came across his artwork but does not have a relationship with Jesus. "Friend, if you don't know the Lord Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are living beneath your privilege. There's just so much more out there for you. And it's amazing he has made himself available to you. He says, 'I stand at your door and knock' and it's up to you if you open the door."</p>
Healthcare	Closer Look	11/5/23	7:00pm	15min	<p>Tackle Childhood Obesity at Home, Church and School</p> <p>Millions of American kids suffer words like chubby or chunky – or fat – to describe their young bodies. The COVID-19 lockdowns only worsened already alarming levels of childhood obesity, as the CDC found the BMI (body mass index) in children ages 2-19 years old increase nearly doubled during the pandemic. Excess weight weakens growing muscles and joints and can lead to juvenile diabetes or even trigger life-threatening asthma "Prevention is what we really want, right?" says Geri Henchy, Director of Nutrition Policy at the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC). "We want kids to be in environments that are not obesogenic; where they're gonna get healthy meals, where there isn't a lot of junk food, where they have activities -- that's really gonna make a difference for kids."</p>

Family Issues	Closer Look	11/5/23	7:15pm	15min	<p>Teens Aged Out of Foster Care Get Help From ‘Dream Makers’</p> <p>Without family and often lacking life skills, former foster kids become homeless adults by the thousands, turning to drugs and crime on the streets just to survive. “Every statistic you hear that is going bad in the United States, a lot of them link back to the foster care system and those kids just not being taken care of.” Dream Makers steps in to link aged-out foster kids with practical assistance by connecting them with the generosity of strangers. “It totally up to the community to fulfill the dream.” The young adult with a need fills out an application to ask for things that teens with families could easily get from a mom or dad: like money for work clothes, or a laptop for school, or maybe a used car – but Melton says the most common dream request from these youth by far is – food.</p>
Youth Programs	Local Closer Look	11/5/23	7:30pm	20min	<p>Spoke with Kevin Cherep, President and CEO of Chicago Youth Centers. Chicago Youth Centers provides childcare and education to the youngest and poorest residents of the city. Cherep shares how they encourage parent engagement into the classrooms. He explains who is qualified to use their services and workshops. Cherep explains how their latest project took a shuttered school and renovated it for use for Chicago Youth Centers and the extensive collaboration taken to make the project successful.</p>
Veterans	Closer Look	11/12/23	7:00pm	16min	<p>Fishing For Combat Vets, Outdoor Adventures Rebuild Trust</p> <p>Fishing poles and fresh air can do a heart good, especially if that heart saw war. Heroes on the Water takes soldiers up a creek with paddles or pedals. “Kayak fishing really helps veterans who are struggling with PTSD,” notes Zack Clift. H.O.W. surveys show 88% of participants say the free expedition gave them confidence to develop new relationships and a whopping 98% say it helped them relax.</p>
Veterans	Closer Look	11/12/23	7:16pm	14min	<p>WildOps invites combat vets on free epic outdoor adventures to the mountains or the wilderness. “We seek the isolated veteran – a big chunk of them that don’t wanna be found,” says founder Jeff Morris. “We work hard to give them the experience if a lifetime -- and they come to life out in the wild.”</p>

Natural Disaster – War	Closer Look	11/19/23	7:00pm	16min and 14min	<p>Convoy Of Hope Brings Relief to Maui, Middle East Disasters happen – but Convoy of Hope meets trouble quickly with tangible comfort and care. In August, they rushed to aid 7,000 people displaced in West Maui. “We had team members on the ground there within a couple of days of that horrific wildfire,” confirms Ethan Forhertz, VP of Public Engagement for the Christ-centered relief ministry. Famous for its band of 18-wheelers, the vast ocean between the mainland U.S. and Hawaii was no barrier. “We shipped many things over by boat, we also shipped some things over by airplane,” he explains, thanks to Convoy’s established international partnerships. Convoy provided basics like food, water and hygiene kits but also two-way radios and solar-powered battery boxes to charge fans and cellphones. The ministry is also working to fund a community of tiny houses for Lahaina residents who lost everything in the 5th deadliest wildfire in the country. “The tiny houses are free to them, there’s no charge for people to live in those houses, so we found that’s a good way to give people a sense of normalcy again.” Meanwhile, recovery remains slow for other areas of the world where Convoy continues to partner with local churches to meet basic needs. Tornadoes and hurricanes struck Mississippi and Florida in 2023, and work continues in Turkey and Syria after twin earthquakes left millions of homes in rubble. Years of drought in the Horn of Africa causes millions of people to suffer hunger. War in Ukraine rages on, and Convoy continues to provide basic food and water to refugees. More recently, the Hamas attack on Israel triggered an immediate response from Convoy, about which Ethan says they ‘can’t say much,’ in order to protect their local partners; but a 40-thousand pounds of food was quickly delivered to the area by cargo plane.</p>
Education	Local Closer Look	11/19/23	7:30pm	20min	<p>Talked with Sarah Starke, Executive Director and Founder of Doodlebug Workshop. Starke shares how Doodlebug Workshop is a vocational training program that focuses on teaching disabled youth and adults to use power tool equipment to create and make beautiful decorative items that are sold in their retail shop. She explains that the goal of the workshop is to help the students become self-sufficient and self-directed in personal growth and social and emotional well-being and functional living skills.</p>
Addiction	Closer Look	11/26/23	7:00pm	29min	<p>Parents of Addicted Loved Ones Turn to PAL Groups for Support One of your kids is on drugs. Getting in trouble. Calling you over and over bail them out. You don’t know what to do. PAL Groups bring people together to swap stories and share strategies -- online or in-person. “When we found PAL we’re like okay, we’re not alone, there’s other people who’ve been down this road.”</p>

Homelessness	Local Closer Look	11/26/23	7:30pm	20min	Talked with Doug Schenkelberg, the Executive Director of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless. Schenkelberg explains that the purpose of the coalition is to organize and advocate to prevent homelessness in the Chicago communities. Schenkelberg shares the common reasons people become homeless and how we as a community can help to eliminate homelessness in our cities. He also shares how the coalition partners with other organizations to meet needs such as mental health treatment, job training, legal assistance, and affordable housing.
Childhood Issues	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec Podcast 18.13min	<p>Pastor, Dad, Shares 10 Valuable Things He's Learned About Teenagers</p> <p>Although he's now lead pastor at Bible Baptist Church in the Greenville, South Carolina, area, Stephen Cox is also a former youth pastor. And concern about young people remains very much top of mind. "My heart is still with teenagers," and he continues to share his wisdom and faith at youth events in many states. Pastor Stephen crafted a list of 10 things he 'heard and observed.':</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Many are hurting - Broken homes, broken relationships, disappointments 2. Many are confused - So many voices speaking into their lives 3. Many are distracted - social media 4. Many feel alone - isolation, abandoned, social media 5. Many are searching - looking for someone that cares 6. Many are empty - looking to fill a void with a relationship or substance 7. Many want a role model or mentor - An example to pour into their lives 8. Many would turn to Jesus if we showed them Jesus - He is the Answer, He fills the Void, He is the Friend 9. Many need a church that cares - Camp, conferences and retreats are great but the church needs to disciple these young people. Train them and love them. 10. Many want the truth - stop trying to be cool and just preach the Word to them. They are hungry for truth. Let's determine to reach the next generation with the gospel and love them to Jesus.

Social Media	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec 15.50min Podcast	<p>Rob Kenney, "Internet's Dad" Shares Life Hacks, Encouragement, And Loves God</p> <p>With prompting from his daughter, Rob Kenney launched a social media outreach during the COVID-19 outbreak. "We were all locked away," and the idea was to offer a 'dad video' to encourage or entertain people coping with the pandemic. "I put up my 'How to Tie a Tie' video on April 2 of 2020 and about a month-and-a-half later, my channel went viral! That was scary for me, but I'm grateful that I went viral for something wholesome." These days, Rob is on multiple social media channels, including Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube as Dad, How Do I? And "On TikTok, I'm The Real Dad, How Do I? because there were people who were imitating me." The videos show Rob demonstrating how to put air in your tires, unclogging a toilet, applying deodorant & cologne, how to shave, explaining an Allen Wrench, or making popcorn. Things a dad would share with a child. Why is Rob committing so much time and effort to these videos? "I think that there's definitely a need for people to understand how cool it is to be a dad. I feel like that's a mission that God has given me to try to encourage dads to hang in there, and you're needed and you're valued." It bothers him when he sees TV shows offering "stereotypes, Homer Simpson and Al Bundy...the bumbling dufus of a dad. And you know, I've met a lot of cool dads and a lot of very good dads. We need to encourage that behavior." Due to the popularity of his channel, Rob authored a book "Dad, How Do I?" which shares about important character traits for a good life, his own faith in Christ, and 58 useful 'how-tos.'</p>
Relationships	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec 15.35min Podcast	<p>Putting 'Love First' – Relationships Matter to God, But What Is Real Love, Exactly?</p> <p>"Your relationships, they matter. They're important. They're important enough to prioritize. God gave us people in our lives for a reason and to help us building community. And I think sometimes because we have social media, we feel like we have community, we're looking at community, but it's not the same thing as being in community and relationship with one another," Sadie Robertson-Huff adding, "I think a lot of people fear relationships because they're hard and they're messy." Her advice? "If you put God first in your life, then all of your relationships will be better, and be blessed." She urges people to consider "God's view of relationship and community." To help make this do-able, Sadie and her husband, Christian, have put together their first jointly written book, "How to Put Love First."</p>

Entertainment	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec 12.14min Podcast	<p>'Junior Reporter' Shares His Faith, Encourages the Community</p> <p>Ezra Speaking is just 8 years old, he's a Christian and loves the music we play. He has a YouTube channel and likes to do interviews with community leaders and personalities. But most importantly, Ezra loves to share his faith with others. "Christians are supposed to share the Gospel with other people and almost my whole time I've been trying to be a Christian, I've tried to help." Recently, Ezra had the chance to interview music sensation, Lauren Daigle. Ezra says his experience was 'very special!" He said Lauren was "super nice" and that he's very glad he interviewed her because very few kids, or even adults, get a chance to interview celebrities. But doing interviews is just the beginning for this young man from Lafayette, Indiana. Ezra has big plans! "I have three main things that I want to become; a teacher, a nurse and, I want to become a local weather person too."</p>
Entertainment - Faith	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec 3.24min Podcast	<p>Video Games and Jesus: Online Gamer Connects Youth and Faith</p> <p>Video games and Jesus? It might not seem to match up. Online gamer, Josh Clayton, has made it work. Josh utilizes many gaming platforms to build relationships with other gamers. "I personally believe that the online community is the largest, unreached, unengaged people group in the world." With a background in Biblical counseling, Josh is able to walk with those struggling or facing trials in life. He shares, "What video games provides is...a common ground that's there to forge a relationship." Josh says we cannot know what someone is going through. Oftentimes, they hide behind their smiling profile. But connecting those people with Jesus comes natural for Josh. He says, "It's so important for us to not only acknowledge that people have real life that's going on, but that Jesus can answer those real-life situations in your life." Claremore First Baptist Church caught wind of Josh's success in reaching young people. He was hired, during the pandemic, to boost their online following.</p>

Entertainment – Family Issues	KLOVE’s Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov. – Dec. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec 2.58min Podcast	<p>Pastor Wins On ‘Wheel’, Uses Spotlight to Promote Adoption</p> <p>Pastor Steven Bell had the experience of a lifetime competing on the TV show, “Wheel of Fortune”. “My main goal was not to win a bunch of cash and prizes. I was going for the sole purpose of having fun.” Pastor Bell did win big! He also used the national spotlight to promote something dear to his heart. “My wife, Ashley and I have six kids, three of which are adopted, one internationally, two domestically through the foster care system.” Adoption is often a conversation Pastor Bell has within his congregation at Hindman First Baptist Church, where he’s been pastoring for the last 20 years. His time on ‘Wheel’ has brought about even more discussion of what he says is a global orphan crisis. Pastor Bell says, “We believe wholeheartedly that the church has always been, and still today is, God’s answer for all that.” He says throughout history the church has partnered to care for orphans. “If you want to be close to the heart of God, move toward the fatherless.”</p>
Therapy Animals – Ministry	KLOVE’s Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov. – Dec. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec 17.26min Podcast	<p>Canines 4 Christ: The Loving Outreach Began with Just 2 Words from God</p> <p>“We have what we call Dog Church” for people with special needs. “We sing and we laugh and play, and we give a bible lesson...” Therapy dogs offer “unconditional love.” That term is also a phrase often used to describe the Agape love offered only by Christ. Larry explains that in his mind “It’s like a theater. The screens are going all the time. There’s the view of the kids, there’s the family, there’s the job, there’s the world – there’s these screens going all the time.” But during his personal time with the bible that day, “God cleared those screens out of my mind” and “as I was reading that scripture,” God said to Larry’s heart just two words: “therapy dogs.” Little did Larry comprehend at the time that God, starting with that divine hint, would lead him to create a unique ministry outreach called Canines 4 Christ.</p>
Entertainment	Closer Look	12/3/23	7:00pm	17min	<p>Young Storytellers Outreach Brings Kid-Scripts to Stage</p> <p>Children feel the thrill of seeing their scripts come to life with the help of creative-writing mentors and local actors who volunteer to perform. Though based primarily in Los Angeles, the arts program Young Storytellers works to scale its success to other cities by providing free online videos educators can use to help students shape stories.</p>

Family Issues	Closer Look	12/3/23	7:17pm	25min	<p>South Carolina Dad Helps Reconnect Non-Custodial Fathers with Their Kids</p> <p>Vincent Mercer from Moncks Corner, South Carolina, knows how important it is for dads to be there for their children. He helps lead Father to Father, a program that helps low-income non-custodial fathers (and some moms) overcome life barriers that keep them from being involved with their children. As a father himself, Vincent understands the importance of a dad being there for his children. By doing so, Vincent says, “that child is less likely to be incarcerated, more likely to finish high school, more likely to be successful in the job market,” and have better interactions with their peers.</p>
Special Needs	Local Closer Look	12/3/23	7:42pm	20min	<p>Talked with Grace Glenny, Site Manager of Gigi’s Playhouse Chicago Down Syndrome Achievement Center. Glenny shares the statistics that everyone in 700 births are born with Down Syndrome and shares her story that includes her brother with Down Syndrome. Glenny explains the definition of Down Syndrome and what a parent can do once the child is diagnosed. She also talks about the many programs GiGi’s offers including tutoring, cooking, and how they are available for Down Syndrome individuals of all ages.</p>
Technology	Closer Look	12/10/23	7:00pm	29min	<p>Don't Click That Link! Be CyberSmart</p> <p>Spam on social media. Emails that shout, ‘click here!’ from an inbox full of tricks. Modern cybercriminals commit considerable time and talent to hacking your life. “If you have a gut feeling, if you have an instinct that something isn’t right here – please listen to that.” Don't click! Monika Kelly talks with Gavina Avila of the Better Business Bureau and Darren Mott, retired FBI agent and expert on cybersecurity.</p>
Library	Local Closer Look	12/10/23	7:30pm	20min	<p>Talked with Amy Dodson, the Executive Director of the Fox River Valley Libraries. Dodson shares with us the history of the library and when it was established. She also shares how she came to be the Librarian at the Dundee Library and shares what she feels is the most gratifying part of being a librarian. Dodson describes how technology has affected the library, and the importance of early literacy. She also details the many programs and services the library offers, including driver license renewal.</p>
Healthcare	Closer Look	12/17/23	7:00pm	14min	<p>Like CPR, Get Trained in Youth 'Mental First Aid'</p> <p>How do you approach a teen without getting a door slammed in your face? “A trusted adult is what a youth needs more than anything,” says Lori Butterworth of AIM, which strongly recommends all adults get certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid. She compares it to CPR. “What if we worked really hard to raise the probability that when a child or teen has a mental health crisis that there is someone there to help them and save their life?”</p>

Technology – Human Trafficking	Closer Look	12/17/23	7:14pm	16min	<p>Teens Chatting on Social Media Vulnerable to Human Traffickers</p> <p>“Just so you know, some kids that are trafficked actually aren’t taken from their home – they still live at their house.” How does this happen? Social media chats. Expert tricksters spend months -- or even years -- lying to build friendship. Your good and smart kid may believe their online friend is their age “by the time they went to meet this person, it wasn’t who they thought they were.” Once the youth is tricked into sexually explicit activities, they may be too afraid to tell you.</p>
Entertainment	KLOVE’s Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec 15.50min Podcast	<p>An American Ninja Warrior...For Christ</p> <p>This was the third season Elijah Browning took part in the American Ninja Warrior competition on NBC, and the Tennessee athlete is only 18 years old. That’s remarkable. “Super-blessed to get my dream handed to me a little early,” explains Elijah. He had been competing in Ninja Warrior-type local competitions since he was ten years old, hoping to be trained up when he became old enough to compete for the national TV production. At the time a contestant was required to be at least 19 years old. But something unexpected happened for Elijah. “I got a call out-of-the-blue when I was 16 years old” from the host of American Ninja Warrior offering an age exception and invitation. He also points to his support team, including his mother, Renee, who was on-set with him, helping with mindset encouragement. Elijah sees the Ninja Warrior competition as “70% mental, 30% physical.”</p>

Entertainment – Faith	KLOVE’s Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec 16.43min Podcast	<p>Geek Devotions: We Speak ‘Geek’ And Share Jesus with Isolated People</p> <p>When it comes to telling others about the offer of eternal life through Jesus Christ, there are evangelists, pastors, and missionaries, to far away countries. But how do you reach a people group that has what might be considered an unusual affinity? Geeks. First off, let’s define the word: “A geek is merely a person who is very much – I won’t say obsessed – but very much in tune with what we call ‘Geek Culture’ – things involving comic books, video games, anime, and movies and fantasy books,” explains Dallas Mora, who along with his wife, Celeste, lead the Christian outreach Geek Devotions. Dallas and Celeste want you to know that people in the geek world - not unlike many people - often have issues with isolation and depression, but in different circumstances. It's sometimes almost like social persecution. For anyone who believes in Christ, Dallas believes there’s always a local mission field: your circle of associates and friends. “Speak to the culture that you’re in. People everywhere need to know about Christ. There are people everywhere who are hurting, who feel abandoned,” and Dallas reminds us, “You have this precious thing called Christ, salvation...and they just need somebody to speak their own (cultural) language – presented in a way that they understand – and allow the Holy Spirit to draw them to salvation.” And Celeste added a very soft, but heartfelt “yes” after that comment.</p>
Mental Health - International	KLOVE’s Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec. 2023	4 per week, 16 total	60sec 14min Podcast	<p>Discouraged? Rather Talk to A Plastic Bear... Or Be Introduced to God?</p> <p>With good intentions, the regional Belgian government created a campaign to prevent suicides. It features the character Warne William, a big blue plastic friendly-looking bear. His purpose? As the sign on the bench translates: “Something bothering you? Talk about it. Warne William listens.” But clearly the conversation is only one way. William does not have a brain, soul, or a voice. There may be some value to simply sharing your worries out loud to thin air, but there is a QR code on William that can offer information for seeking professional help. Warne Williams have also been placed in schools and other locations to raise awareness of mental health.</p>