



Issues and Programs Report

for

**WWRN**

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

## **1. EDUCATION**

RenewFM believes 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 others) 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**

We at RenewFM try to provide programming that encourages our listeners to make wise financial decisions through good financial stewardship 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 relates to the station's city and county of license (we receive no financial reimbursement). **All programs air at 3:00pm Eastern Time on Saturdays and Sundays.**

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

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

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### **Around the Town: Re-Air**

**Title:** Far Reaching Ministries

**Host:** Pastor George Small

**Guest:** Wes Bentley

**Aired:** January 27-28, 2024 at 3pm for 36 minutes and 23 seconds.

**Topic:** Wes talks about how he became involved in Far Reaching Ministries and his passion for rescuing children who have been abused in the sex trafficking industry. He goes into detail about the many stories of his team rescuing children in need and how they are being cared for today. He encourages the listeners to get involved through prayer and child sponsorship.

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