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July 2, 9 & 30, 2022	Providing Food and Access for the Needy in Merced	<p><u>Host:</u> Charrie Slater <u>Guest:</u> Joe Hypes, Director of Development, Merced County Food Bank (Merced, CA). www.mmcfb.org <u>Description:</u> Joe explained that the increase in hunger has been so great over the last few years, so the need for their services is greater than ever. They help families, seniors, and children in Merced. They try to offer more nutritious options to people to help their health. To get involved, you can volunteer at a pantry site or volunteer at the food bank. They also take food and monetary donations, which gets the food to the people. Inflation has made it harder for food banks to get food, so the need is great right now. Please visit their website to find out more.</p>
July 16, 2022	Sending Physical and Spiritual Aid to Ukraine	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Edward Graham, Vice President of Operations, Samaritan’s Purse (Boone, NC). www.samaritanspurse.org <u>Description:</u> The crisis in Ukraine after Russian attacks is less publicized now, but Samaritan’s Purse (SP) continues to provide aid to Ukrainians through American donors. Edward compared what the country looked like at the beginning of the war – taking about 3 days to get through the long line to cross the border--to people now either fleeing the country or being internally displaced. SP continues to provide medical flights and send a massive amount (metric tons) of food and water to areas where needed. Eastern Ukrainians are more concerned about the food shortage than of the rockets. Their 3,200 partner churches are feeding people, bringing in medicines, housing displaced people, and supplying tarps to cover roofs blown off from the military destruction. Funds are being set aside funds for post-conflict church rebuilding and financial donations are needed.</p>
July 23, 2022	Teaching Compassion, Sending Hope to Ukrainian Children	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Edward Graham, Vice President of Operations, Samaritan’s Purse (Boone, NC). www.samaritanspurse.org <u>Description:</u> Operation Christmas Child (OCC) partners with American churches to provide children with gifts and necessities around the U.S. and world. OCC has a large presence in the Ukraine and while that program is currently on hold, local pastors are boldly sharing their faith and testimonies abound of Christians risking their lives to get refugees out of the country safely. Edward reported the Gospel is penetrating Ukrainians’ hearts and lives are being</p>

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		transformed in that nation, specifically through church-sponsored youth summer camps, as well as SP and local church outreach to mothers and children receiving food, shelter, backpacks (filled with a toy, supplies, and toiletries), prayer, and the Gospel before they are transported outside the country.
August 6, 2022	Building Resources and Community for Women Post-Overturn of Roe V. Wade	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Nicole Hunt, Attorney, Author, and Spokesperson for Focus on the Family, (Colorado Springs, CO). www.focusonthefamily.org <u>Description:</u> Some reasons listed for women choosing abortion include interference with life plans, lack of financial resources, or not feeling emotionally ready for a child. While our secular culture asserts a worldview that does not align with God's truth in the Bible, Christians must reject lies that steal, kill and destroy the futures of families and their children. Christians were encouraged to embrace family and marriage as blessings from God, with 2 Timothy 1:7 and Jeremiah 29:11 as groundings for making decisions. Nicole emphasized the importance of community for single parents and families experiencing crisis pregnancies, while giving examples for churches and groups such as Teen Mothers of Preschoolers groups (MOPs). Building support for mothers helps each one better thrive as she chose life for her child. The Bible says that even when we are scared, not able or feeling ready, when we obey God and protect life, blessings will follow.
August 13, 2022	Public Safety and Well-Being, Animal Safety and Preparedness	<u>Host:</u> Charrie Slater <u>Guest:</u> Dr. Robin Ganzert, CEO, American Humane (Washington, DC). www.americanhumane.org <u>Description:</u> Dr. Robin explained why the number of human deaths has decreased when it comes to natural disasters around our country. Humans need to be prepared when it comes to natural disasters, especially when they have pets! Dr. Robin told us what we should include in our pet disaster preparedness kit. She gave “pet parents” tips on what to do in an emergency and how to keep themselves as well as their beloved pets safe. She shared a story about a rescue pet they nursed back to life from a disaster and how it depicts their mission as an organization. Dr. Robin shared how people can volunteer and become involved within American Humane. Please visit their website for more information.

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August 27, 2022	Eliminating Homelessness	<p><u>Host:</u> Charrie Slater</p> <p><u>Guest:</u> Donald Whitehead, Jr., Executive Director, National Coalition for the Homeless (Washington, DC). www.nationalhomeless.org</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Donald shared some insight on why homeless people may not work to get off the streets. People experiencing homelessness don’t have the ability to contact employers which makes it hard for them to apply for a job. Donald explained what criminalization is and how that plays a huge part in homeless people not getting hired. Our country doesn’t pay enough for an entry level job to afford housing, so it doesn’t support homeless people enough. He shared a story about a young lady who received services through their organization and now has turned her life around. He also shared about his own personal story, going from the streets to becoming the Executive Director of this organization. For more information, please visit their website.</p>
September 3, 10, 17* & 24,* 2022	Providing Healthy Food for the Merced Community	<p><u>Host:</u> Charrie Slater</p> <p><u>Guest:</u> Erin Meyer, Sustainable Food Programs Coordinator, People’s Fridge in Merced County (Merced, CA). www.peoplesfridge.org</p>

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		<p><u>Description:</u> Erin told us how they are open to the entire community to provide healthy food to anyone in need. They don't question anyone about income or anything. Anyone can volunteer and place food items in the community fridge. If you have a garden with extra produce, please consider volunteering! Erin shared a story about a family that was impacted by People's Fridge. Erin told us how they need volunteers to clean, maintain, and make sure fridges are stocked. They have a goal to open up three more fridges within the community, so they need more volunteers. For more information, please visit their website.</p> <p><i>*KEFR's local edition of Community Bridge did not air as scheduled on September 17, 2022, and September 24, 2022, due to technical difficulties.</i></p>

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July 2, 2022	<p style="text-align: center;">Uncovering God’s Story of Hope in the Next Generation of Military-Connected Young People</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Brian Hershey, Development Director, Youth For Christ (YFC) Military, (Omaha, NE). www.yfcmilitary.org <u>Description:</u> Military life requires much sacrifice, making life as a military family member extraordinarily difficult. It is estimated that over 400,000 children between the ages of 11-18 years have at least one parent who is an active-duty member of the military, and most of these military families will move up to three (3) times more than their civilian counterparts. The continual separations of deployment between parents and children bring with them unique challenges, one of which is high anxiety. Brian Hershey shared how YFC Military ministry connects these children to God’s Word and helps them grow in their knowledge of the Bible. He also talked about how YFC Military can strengthen family resilience, being a source for others, even after they transition from life in the military to civilian life, to remain faithful and steadfast in their faith.</p>
July 9, 2022	<p style="text-align: center;">How to Make a Difference for the World in Your Own Community</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Edward Graham, Vice President of Operations, Samaritan’s Purse (Boone, NC). www.samaritanspurse.org <u>Description:</u> Anger, despair, loneliness, and anxiety are some descriptions of the emotional climate in America today. Rising costs, soaring gas prices, food shortages, what’s good is now called evil and evil is now called good – just to name a few – have people desperately searching for something good they can hold on to, where they can find hope for a better future, and how they can make a difference. Edward Graham explained what we see today is a failure of the church: the hurt and despair we have in America are a lot of times the result of churches that do not share the Gospel, speak against certain sins, or they even celebrate sin. Edward gave biblical examples of how God changes hearts, no matter who you are or what you have done. It is only through Christ’s death on the cross that paid the price for our sin. He also talked about <i>Operation Heal Our Patriots</i> and shared touching stories about how their ministry, with the help of churches, has helped those in need.</p>
July 16, 2022	<p style="text-align: center;">The Link between Science, Missions like Apollo 11 and the Bible</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Rev. Norman Schell, Pastor Emeritus, Electro-Optical Engineer, NASA (Retired), Omaha, NE.</p>

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	(25-minute program)	<p><u>Description:</u> When Neil Armstrong stepped off the Apollo 11 lunar module, <i>Eagle</i>, few people knew what went on behind the scenes revealing the significant link between the historical space mission and the Bible. Rev. Schell told listeners his fascinating account of when he worked on NASA’s Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, and Soyuz programs and how the Apollo program revealed a significant link to the Bible that was quite spectacular. He shared calculations of the genealogies of the Bible – from Creation to the Flood, then from the Flood to Jesus’ birth, to now the disconnect between what the Bible says and modern day’s pseudoscience. He also shared information about what the common NASA thinking was and how God’s providence was shown in how He protected the astronauts and NASA’s miscalculations despite being based on evolution.</p>
July 23, 2022	<p style="text-align: center;">The Importance of Voting</p> <p>(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Jason Yates, Chief Executive Officer, My Faith Votes, (Plano, TX). www.myfaithvotes.org <u>Description:</u> Statistics show about twenty-five million Americans choose to sit on the sidelines and do not vote in elections. Looking around and seeing the problems, individuals can feel alone in standing for biblical values, become frustrated, and be unwilling to bring the influence of their faith into the voting booth. Jason Yates informed listeners about My Faith Votes’ recently launched “Write Now Campaign,” which was implemented to help motivate and equip Christians to engage and bring their faith forward into the public square, to have influence, and impact the voting booth with Christian values. Jason explained how bringing forward solutions that are faith-based to today’s problems and applying those solution can help our communities.</p>
July 30, 2022	<p>Human Trafficking: A Story of Authentic Forgiveness</p> <p>(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Sarah Taylor, Mental Performance Coach, <i>I Am Second</i>, (Carrollton, TX). www.iamsecond.com <u>Description:</u> Each year, thousands of men, women, and children become victims of human trafficking. It is estimated that 15,000 to 50,000 women and children are forced into sexual slavery in the United States every year, with one study estimating the number being drastically higher, especially when the number of males who have been trafficked are added into the numbers. Sarah Taylor survived an attempted abduction related to human</p>

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		trafficking and talked about the emotional trauma she went through following this attempted abduction and how she found healing. Sarah also shared some practical ways believers can learn authentic forgiveness and begin to live a life full of peace and joy, growing deeper in our faith, and using the opportunity to share the Gospel with others.
August 6, 2022	<p style="text-align: center;">How Holy Ambition Impacts Our Lives for Our Good and God’s Glory</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Chip Ingram. Teaching Pastor, CEO, Living on the Edge, (Suwanee, GA). www.livingontheedge.org <u>Description:</u> Today’s culture unfortunately exhibits an “all for me” selfish attitude that does not appear to understand the impact such can have on others. This can be seen in stances and activities related to the issues of the church, sexuality, homosexuality, the definition of truth, environment, and abortion. Chip Ingram talked about how Scripture reveals to us that we should focus our ambitions, desires, and efforts on God, His Word, the Bible, and what Scripture tells us. He also shared how human ambition is rooted in pride, but “holy ambition” is something different and gave examples of how it is illustrated in the Bible through the life of Nehemiah and the impact holy ambition has on individuals, the family, church and community.</p>
August 13, 2022	<p style="text-align: center;">Christians Support for Women’s Care Post-Supreme Court Overturn of <i>Roe vs. Wade</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guests:</u> Nicole Hunt, J.D., Attorney, Writer, Spokesperson, Focus on the Family, (Colorado Springs, CO). www.focusonthefamily.com <u>Description:</u> As news about the Supreme Court’s ruling to overturn <i>Roe vs. Wade</i> traveled throughout the country, a number of expectant women in America were consumed with questions about where to turn for guidance and advice on their pregnancies, how to care for their unborn child, etc. and for support of their unborn child and family after birth. Nicole Hunt discussed the various options pregnant women can access – from community and church resources to food pantries and others, depending on each state and community. She stressed the importance of drawing others into our communities and churches and building bridges to help each other, whether we are a single, blended, or a traditional family.</p>

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August 27, 2022	<p style="text-align: center;">Bringing More Local Control Back to Schools</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Sheri Few, Founder and President, United States Parents Involved in Education (USPIE), (Lugoff, SC). www.uspie.org <u>Description:</u> Not long ago, parents became alarmed to learn much more is being taught in the classroom of which they were previously unaware. Critical Race Theory (CRT), divisive topics, and questioning of gender identity, to name a few, are some of the topics children continue to be taught in many schools throughout America, much to the concern of parents and grandparents. Sheri Few shared how parents are the child's first teacher and they have full authority over their child. This has been proven in law, in courts, and we know this Biblically, as well. It is our responsibility to teach our children. She continued explaining the reasons that parental and local control are so important because parents have the ultimate authority and they have every right to direct the upbringing of their children, adding how it is unconstitutional for the federal government to take authority over the educational systems as seen today.</p>
September 3, 2022	<p style="text-align: center;">Helping Children Overcome Anxiety, Depression, or Suicidal Ideation</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Lori Wildenberg, Author, Co-Founder, 1 Corinthians 13 Parenting Ministry, Rocky Mountain Foothills, CO). www.loriwildenberg.com</p>

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	(25-minute program)	<p><u>Description:</u> As a child grows older, common fears such as being scared of the dark or having nightmares generally fade away. Unfortunately, for some children and teens, those fears give way to other factors that cause anxiety, depression and tragically, as well as even suicidal ideation. Lori Wildenberg discussed how kids need to live a full life and experience happiness, sadness, fear, and anger. They also need to have the opportunity to experience failure to build up resiliency to understand how to manage different emotions. She talked about the four (4) main points of the HOPE acronym and shared a touching story of her daughter who struggled with depression. There is hope for young people and if you are concerned for your youth to take his or her life, ask directly if consideration of that act has occurred. Help is available and you are not alone, call 988, the National Suicide Help Line, for immediate assistance.</p>
September 10, 2022	<p style="text-align: center;">Standing Up for a God-Honoring Marriage.</p> <p>(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Bob Lepine, Author, Pastor of Redeemer Community Church, and On-Air Announcer, <i>Truth for Life</i> (Little Rock, AR).</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Recent statistics estimate half of all marriages in the United States end up in either divorce or separation. The marriage rate has consistently gone down year after year, even though studies have shown married men and women have happier, healthier relationships than unmarried couples who live together or who are single. Bob Lepine explained that what is happening is that as a society, we are saying we know better than God knows, declaring our ways are better than His, His ways are outdated or were for ancient civilizations, and believing that God wants us to be happy so we can make up our own rules these days. He explained the problems we encounter with that way of thinking and how it doesn't work, resulting in a decline in relationships and marriages. Bob also talked about the purpose of honoring God and putting the glory of God on display in our marriage, thus being positive role models to our children and grandchildren, who thrive the most when a family is intact.</p>
September 17, 2022	<p>Keeping It Simple: Ideas for Affordable Housing Assistance</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Dabrielle Goodwin, President, Eluvial Enterprise, Inc., (Washington, DC). www.eluvialinc.com <u>Description:</u> Homelessness impacts every community in America. There are over half a million people experiencing</p>

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	(25-minute program)	homelessness. Individuals who are homeless represent every race, gender, age, and demographic throughout the country and generally live in a temporary shelter, transitional housing, or may sleep in a place not meant for human habitation such as an abandoned building. Using tiny homes and small living spaces may help put an end to homelessness or lack of affordable housing. Dabrielle Goodwin shared some simple, practical ways community members can become a part of giving homeless people hope for a brighter future and help end the lack of affordable housing and the homeless situation in our own communities, including contacting their local mayor and searching information on their state for housing vouchers and assistance. The concept of the middle class building a bridge between those struggling and experiencing homelessness and those who are unaware of these issues was introduced through advocacy.
September 24, 2022	<p style="text-align: center;">Overcoming Addictions and Mental Health Struggles through the Power of Jesus Christ</p> <p>(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guests:</u> Drs. Tim and Nikki Allen, Physicians, Allen Family Medicine, and Leaders of Cudahy Christian Church, (Cudahy, WI). www.allenfamilymedicine.com <u>Description:</u> Throughout America, addiction, substance abuse, and mental health struggles continue to increase and are considered significant health challenges impacting not only the individual, but the family, church, and community. Drug addiction is now one of the leading causes of accidental death in the United States. Drs. Tim and Nikki Allen shared that, at the root, we all were designed to be in relationship with God, and when we are not, there is a hole that needs to be filled up. It is a painful thing and so often we would rather hide away or try to fill it with something else. They mentioned a lot of what we are seeing in the rise of addictions is due to the loss of our connection with God and gave some practical ways to help those individuals who are struggling with addiction, substance abuse, and/or mental health issues. Offering our love and acceptance, along with proper boundaries is essential to saving lives.</p>

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July 1, 2022	Veterans Giving Back to the Next Generation	Shannon Matthews of Burnsville, Minnesota, has dedicated much of his life to giving back to veterans, investing in their success and education. The retired U.S. Army corporal and Oklahoma State University-Tulsa alumni is the first living veteran to donate his Purple Heart to an institution of higher learning. Along with a Purple Heart, he earned numerous commendations for his service, and now the corporal is giving back to his community, having established a scholarship at Tulsa community college in Oklahoma for older veterans pursuing higher education.
Jul 4, 2022	Assisting Military Families	Our military families deserve all the support they can get, especially when facing financial hardships: that is exactly what one non-profit is helping to accomplish. <i>Operation Homefront</i> is a national nonprofit whose mission is to build strong, stable, and secure military families. Recently, Navy veteran Alicia Simpson and her family were surprised with a donated vehicle so she could get to and from work. Alicia now has plans to pursue a job baking, which she enjoys. In partnership with <i>U.S. Bank's Driven to Serve</i> program, <i>Operation Homefront</i> has been able to donate 15 cars to military families in need.
Jul 6, 2022	Pet Rescue	A group of firefighters in Tennessee seem willing to rescue any form of life in need of help! The Morristown Fire Department responded to the local Walmart store to rescue a kitten stuck inside a vending machine. Town officials said in a social media post that employees at the local Walmart store contacted the fire department when they heard a kitten crying from inside a vending machine. The firemen ended up removing the back cover and in time, were able to coax the kitten out. The tiny kitty was adopted by “Lindsey,” the employee who originally heard the kitten's cries for help.
July 7, 2022	Helping Veterans Fight Isolation	Using art to combat feelings of isolation and depression, a veterans’ group is working to build a stronger community! The Armed Services Art Partnership is offering free classes, workshops and performances to veterans, family members and caregivers. It’s a creative community offering writing, painting, acting and storytelling classes. Research indicates art therapy can improve communication and reduce feelings of isolation.
July 8, 2022	Homespun Hats for Newborns	Ninety-year-old Jeannie Shaffer is so busy that she doesn’t even time to watch television! What’s keeping her so occupied? Well, for more than 15 years, Ms. Schaffer has spent countless hours sitting at her

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		kitchen table creating miniature hats for newborn babies at a Cumberland, Maryland, hospital. It’s part of her regular evening ritual and she’s made well over 11,000 hats to date.
July 11, 2022	Saving Pets’ Lives	A Chicago-based organization is helping preserve the bond between people and pets in Illinois! <i>Paws Salvation</i> helps low-income, homeless veterans or seniors with their pets’ needs mainly by providing food, toys, treats, and bedding. Three years ago, founder Peter Elueze decided to act on his passion for helping animals. He founded his organization with the sole mission of helping support the financial burden of pets for people who can’t afford to cover their pets’ cost. By helping with these costs, <i>Paws Salvation</i> helps both the pet and the owner.
July 13, 2022	Offering Healthy Food Choices for Low-Income Families	Bobby Wilson loves to pick from his garden! It’s why he founded the <i>Metro Atlanta Urban Farm</i> , a nonprofit that provides healthy vegetables to low-income families, all grown on his five-acre farm in the heart of Atlanta, Georgia. Bobby created the farm in 2009 after 20 years of bringing gardens to public housing complexes and schools in the city. Now with food costs rising, he knew low-income communities could enjoy healthy food at a lower price if they received it from him or grew it themselves. He offers free produce to families weekly and teaches them how to start their own gardens.
July 14, 2022	Caring for Our Heroes	When Jon Jerome and his two young daughters started <i>H.E.R.O.E.S Care</i> in 2003, all they knew was they wanted to send care packages to military members. Since then, their organization has provided more than \$1 million in direct financial assistance and more than \$150 million in donated items nationwide to our soldiers. Jon said his daughters were just 3 and 11 years old when they started. Now, <i>H.E.R.O.E.S. Care</i> bundles between 100 to 125 care packages every month. They’ve since expanded to providing emergency financial assistance for the spouses of the deployed, employment opportunities, and mental health care resources.
July 15, 2022	Paving the Way for the Mobility-Challenged	It’s no secret that spending time in nature can be therapeutic and one man is on a mission to help those who are mobility-challenged with getting some fresh air! When a hunting accident left him paralyzed from the waist down, Jacob Biesecker was introduced to a specialized wheelchair that can be taken off road! Now, Jacob is working to give these chairs to anyone who wants to enjoy the outdoors, through his

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		organization <i>Way Maker Off-Road Wheelchairs</i> . Jacob said his personal experience inspired him to help others experience full trek mobility.
July 18, 2022	Better Access to Clean Water	A professional athlete who has spent most of his life running marathons all over the world faced one of his toughest challenges recently: running across America! Michael Wardian started his journey running coast to coast May 1, 2022, to raise awareness and money for <i>World Vision</i> , a charity dedicated to helping children and families get access to clean and safe water. By July 1, 2022, Michael had run 3,234 miles, from San Francisco, California, to Delaware. He raised over \$112,000, which will go toward helping thousands of children and families in need.
July 20, 2022	Recycling City Waste	The state of Tennessee is turning A LOT of trash into treasure for all to enjoy! Volunteers and officials from the Tennessee State Parks cleaned up 24,000 illegally dumped tires around Fuller State Park. The tires were then recycled into crumbs of material that can be used in creating paths. Now there’s a new walking and biking trail that stretches 2.5 miles. Tennessee State Parks’ trail administrator Michael Meister said recycling the tires just makes sense! What WAS a bad situation for the city in the end turned it into an environmental bonus!
July 22, 2022	Employment Opportunities for the Disabled	An ice cream parlor in Virginia is serving up fresh opportunities for adults with disabilities. <i>Jake’s Ice Cream</i> in Falls Church employs more than 20 adults with special needs. It all started when Robin Rinearson’s 29-year-old son Jake, who has cerebral palsy, lost his job when COVID hit and was unemployed for over a year. She decided to come up with a business for Jake and others like him that nobody could take away. That’s when she and her family found the ice cream parlor and moved forward with opening it in Jake’s honor.
July 25, 2022	Affordable Wedding Apparel	Many young brides-to-be dream of feeling like a princess on their wedding day, but sometimes that perfect dress is expensive. Gwendolyn Stulgis decided to help women find their dream dresses without the heavy price tag... and it all started when she donated her vert own wedding dress. She posted on social media about her wedding dress giveaway and 72 people responded with interest, while others messaged her about wedding dresses they wanted to give away, too. Her kind gesture sparked a chain reaction of women wanting to donate

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		their dresses. Now, her group <i>Shared Dream Dresses</i> has more than 3,000 social media members.
July 27, 2022	Free Haircuts for the Needy	A barber on Chicago’s Southside in Illinois has spent the last 20 years giving out free haircuts to anyone who needs one, from star athletes to military brass! David McDonald says he was motivated by Scripture and the Spirit of God to help people in need and he believes this is one of the ways he can do so.
July 28, 2022	Employing the Amputee Community	While some businesses measure success in dollar amounts, the folks at <i>Jordyn's Deli</i> measure it in smiles and helping hands! Jordyn’s Deli in West Virginia is a special kind of eatery that supports special needs employment, showcasing the talents and abilities of those with a wide range of abilities. Angelina Seal is one of the hardest working employees, and as a double amputee, she’s no stranger to overcoming adversity!
July 29, 2022	Summer Camp for Homeless Families	Hope is coming full circle at Camp Discovery, a summer camp for children from homeless families in Indianapolis. And this year, one of their former campers has returned as a counselor. 19-year-old Ambreia Edmonds is psychology student at Indiana University working as a camp counselor over the summer. She also used to be homeless. When she and her mother were fleeing domestic violence, the staff at the camp helped them rebuild. Now 10 years later, Ambreia’s presence at camp has revitalized the entire atmosphere.
August 2, 2022	Special Services for Transplant Patients	Ava Kaufman went from being a professional dancer to fighting for her life in an Intensive Care Unit as an autoimmune disease ravaged her organs. But, thanks to a heart transplant in 2009, Ava got her life back, and she vowed to help others going through the same difficult process. After volunteering in Los Angeles hospitals and mentoring other transplant patients in California, she started the non-profit, <i>Ava's Heart</i> -- an organization that offers special services to transplant patients which normally aren’t covered by insurance, including food, gas, co-pays on medications, and even temporary housing near a hospital for those who can’t afford it.
August 3, 2022	Finding a Career Post-Military Service	One organization is calling on veterans to use the skills they’ve learned in the military to be successful after their service. <i>Bunker Labs</i> was founded in 2014 in Chicago, Illinois, by Navy veteran Todd Connor who believed that with the right resources, military veterans could be a major force for change in America’s private businesses. To date,

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		<i>Bunker Labs</i> has helped 2,000 veterans nationwide transition from military service to successful business owners.
August 4, 2022	Celebrating Veterans	A group of volunteers in Tallahassee, Florida, is on a mission to make sure veterans are getting the honor they deserve. The valor team from Big Bend Hospice performs <i>Valor Ceremonies</i> for terminally ill veterans — bringing family and friends together to remember AND celebrate their loved ones who have served. Derrick Sykes said the idea for the hospice came about in 2012 as an increasing number of veterans were entering hospice care and many hadn't been properly recognized and appreciated. The ceremonies held are filled with honor and tradition and can be an opportunity to bring friends and family members together to thank their veterans and preserve their legacies.
August 5, 2022	Helping Veterans' Transition Back Home	Turning a house into a home — that's the mission of <i>Patriots and Paws</i> , an organization that provides veterans with free home furnishings and resources they need to bring home pets. Penny Lambright got the idea to start the organization when her nephew's military unit returned home after serving and struggled to furnish their apartments. So, she opened a warehouse and stocked it with donated furniture for any service member or veteran who needed help. Penny also offered them animal adoption resources during the transitional process.
August 8, 2022	Creative Funding for School Supplies	With inflation making the cost of school supplies a bigger burden for parents, one Alabama city has come up with a solution. For the month of August, authorities in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, are reviving a 2019 program that allows people with overtime parking tickets to pay their fee by donating school supplies. Ticket holders can donate school supplies of up to \$10 in value to pay off a parking ticket worth \$18. After collecting the items, court staff hands the donated supplies to the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education to distribute to students in need.
August 11, 2022	Caregiver Burnout	Caregiver burnout is a significant health concern — and some states are now stepping up to offer online support to family members for free! Caregiver Leda Rosenthal was only 19 years old when her mother was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease... she said she would search the web for hours trying to find ways to communicate with her mom. New York now joins five other states that are offering no-cost virtual help to individuals like Leda providing unpaid care to family members or friends in those states. North Carolina, Washington,

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		Minnesota, Wisconsin, and New Hampshire currently offer the online platform statewide to residents free of charge.
August 12, 2022	Specialized Dog Rescue	A hero dog-lover is keeping seniors and their pets together even when they're no longer able to physically care for them! The specialized dog rescue program takes in and finds homes for dogs who must be put up for adoption in the case that an elderly person has to enter a care home or hospice. The work is done by <i>Peace of Mind Dog Rescue</i> and has so far helped find new permanent homes and families for 3,000 dogs. <i>Peace of Mind</i> was started by Carie Broecker in 2009, after making a promise to a close elderly friend who had to part ways with her dog due to a disability.
August 15, 2022	Memorial Benches for School Shooting Victims	A Georgia artist is creating customized benches of blessing to memorialize the victims of the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. Sean Peacock posted a GoFundMe to raise money for materials and labor that ended up raising more than \$23,000.
August 17, 2022	Crisis Support for Veterans	A group of veterans are taking their call of duty off the battlefield and providing crisis support to victims on the front lines of natural disasters, most recently in Kentucky! The veteran-led organization Team Rubicon responds to all kinds of natural disasters giving victims hope and support by helping them recover and rebuild. Incident Commander Jarret Brown said he and his team are scheduled to be Kentucky through the first week of September, removing damaged materials out of flooded homes and get them to a point where lives can be rebuilt.
August 19, 2022	Helping Veterans Find a New Purpose	Some of America's most highly skilled veterans have found a new purpose! The nonprofit <i>Force Blue</i> is using the talents of special ops military veterans in underwater conservation missions across the country. <i>Force Blue</i> is currently the only organization in the world that retrains and redeploys military-trained divers to work with scientists on marine conservation missions. Founder Jim Ritterhoff says it offers veterans the opportunity to feel a part of something again by serving something larger than themselves.
August 22, 2022	Police Share with Impoverished Youth	Now America's police officers do more than track down criminals and make arrests, they also exist to care for our communities in meaningful, life-changing ways! For the last six years, the Dallas, Texas, Neighborhood Police Officer Unit has given shoes to hundreds of children before the start of each school year through its, " <i>Share the</i>

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		<i>Shoes</i> " program. They were at it again this year, helping toddlers, kids and teenagers try on new sneakers ahead of back to school.
August 25, 2022	Lack of Home Furnishings	A Christian teacher is building custom furniture items out of his garage in Iowa... and it's all for a good cause! Nate Evans has spent countless hours this summer building coffee tables and end tables out of scratch for people in a need with the help of some volunteers. It's part of his project, <i>Woodworking with a Purpose</i> , which started 2 years ago when Nate built homemade desks for kids to use while remotely learning during the pandemic.
September 1, 2022	Bus Driver Shortages	School districts across America continue to face a school bus driver shortage as the new school year begins. One Florida man decided he would do what he could to recruit new drivers, as well as spread messages of positivity and bus safety. Escambia County Public Schools bus driver Darius Jones says all his students love him because he encourages kindness and fun on his bus. He decorated his bus to catch people's attention, encouraging other drivers to make their buses their own.
September 5, 2022	School Safety	Well, as the new school year begins and millions of the kids around the county head back to class, the safety and security of our children is the top of every parent's mind. One organization in North Carolina is making students feel safer and putting parents at ease. <i>Be There Dad</i> is a non-profit that helps Dads stay involved in their kids' lives and the community... and this year Dads are making back to school prep their #1 priority.
September 8, 2022	Improving Youth Hygiene and Healthcare	A hairstylist in Massachusetts sent dozens of kids back to school this week with free haircuts and school supplies! Amanda Barnett is a hairstylist at Mnandi Salon in Leominster. She held a " <i>Free Kids Cuts</i> " event at the salon for families going through a difficult time. Amanda said she had the pleasure of blessing 30 kids with free haircuts, backpacks, and school supplies.
September 9, 2022	Remembering 9/11	As Americans, we promised to never forget the tragic events of 9/11. One organization is committed to preserving the memory of those who gave their all on that day by paying it forward. Inspired by compassionate strangers, <i>Pay It Forward 9/11</i> began 20 years ago on the first anniversary of the attacks. Its mission is to help communities harmonize through random acts of kindness and the ripple effect they cause. Kevin Tuerff, the organization's founder, said they're in the

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		middle of its 100 days of kindness and unity campaign to perform at least 22,000 good deeds for 2022.
September 13, 2022	Senior Assistance	Now, if you're a home-bound senior you know how special it is to have someone do your grocery shopping or take you to doctor appointments. Well, two seniors, both over the age of 80 years, are pitching in help other needy seniors in their Salt Lake City community. Eighty-four-year-old Sheryl Cooper has been a driver for <i>Meals on Wheels</i> since 2001 and is one of the longest standing drivers in the area. She said she often makes 50 stops on a typical day. Another driver, 82-year-old Bill Johnson, said he had been driving for the <i>Rides for Wellness</i> program for the past 13 years. The two services have about 45 volunteer drivers but are currently short by about half a dozen, so they could always use more workers or volunteers!
September 15, 2022	Finding a Cure for Parkinson's Disease	There's a woman who can smell the presence of Parkinson's disease and she's helping doctors develop a test for it! More than 40 years ago, Joy Milne noticed an abrupt change in the natural odor of her husband, Les... years later, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, and it got her thinking it was the cause. Joy and Les decided to find someone who could investigate further the connection between scent and Parkinson's and were led to a professor at the University of Edinburgh.
September 16, 2022	Community Hunger	A Christian man from Tennessee is serving his town by baking delicious carrot cakes for community members. Mike Gann of Lebanon, Tennessee, has baked more than 2,000 carrot cakes in the past seventeen years. He is currently on track to bake another 200 cakes this year. Many of his carrot cakes have gone to people throughout the community, including friends on their birthdays or to families who have lost a loved one.
September 26, 2022	Veteran Rehabilitation	For many of our wounded warriors, regaining mobility can be one of the difficult barriers to overcome. Well, a veteran who was severely injured in Afghanistan is working to change that. Marine veteran Josh Himan teamed up with his occupational therapist and driving rehab specialist to help ALL people with disabilities get back into the driver's seat. Together, they've developed the Driver Rehabilitation Center of Excellence (DRCE). Located in Fairfax, Virginia, DRCE will evaluate a driver and help him or her find auto-adaptive equipment to get comfortably back on the road.

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September 27, 2022	Reducing Inner City Violence	Their mission is to reduce urban violence... and the way they've decided to do that is simple: pull up a chair and have a sit down! As part of the <i>21 Days of Peace</i> event in Minneapolis, Minnesota, community and church congregation members are simply seating themselves in lawn chairs on street corners in the most dangerous neighborhoods and acting as “violence interrupters”—and police statistics show it's working. Compared to last summer, homicide numbers took a dive during the <i>21 Days of Peace</i> and have continued to stay low until today. They encourage all elected officials to pull up a chair and take a look at what's working!
September 29, 2022	Organ Transplants	The United States recorded its one millionth organ transplant last week, a historic milestone for the medical procedure that has saved thousands of lives. The record achievement was confirmed by the <i>United Network for Organ Sharing</i> , a nonprofit that runs the only organ procurement and transplantation network in the country. It's not exactly clear which organ was the record one millionth and details about the patient are unknown.
September 30, 2022	Vision Care	What started out as a nagging idea ended up providing free vision care for families in Chicago, Illinois! Diana Yelverton was sweeping the stairs in her home when a vision filled her mind in 2018. She didn't know what it meant at the time, but it kept popping up in her head: 20/20 vision. The vision turned into a successful campaign that launched in August 2020 that provided over 100 families on the south side of Chicago with free eye care.