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Abortion	Legal Alert	Legal advice	M-F 0732 & 1132	09/24	1.5 min each 3 min total	Attorney David Gibbs Jr. of the Christian Law Association (CLA) said that in May of this year the Iowa Congress approved a prolife amendment which states that Iowans do not have a fundamental right to an abortion nor to public funding for one. This historic move to protect the dignity of human life, says Gibbs, brings this issue closer to being a ballot issue in 2024. The web address for CLA is christianlaw.org.
Abortion	Legal Alert	Legal advice	M-F 0732 & 1132	09/16	1.5 min each 3 min total	Attorney David Gibbs Jr. of the Christian Law Association (CLA) discussed a new case being brought before the Supreme Court, which might result in abortion law changes. A law passed in 2018 in the state of Mississippi is being scrutinized as being inconsistent with the Roe v Wade decision because it bans abortion after the 15 <sup>th</sup> week of gestation. Attorney Gibbs advised Christians to be prayerful about the upcoming case. The web address for CLA is christianlaw.org.
Abortion	Viewpoint	Devotional	22:00	08/30 to 09/03	4 min each 20 min total	Pete Steveson devoted this week of programs to the topic of abortion. In the USA abortion was illegal and considered to be homicide. In 1973 the Supreme Court deemed abortion to be legal in the first 3 months a baby's development. Since that

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						<p>decision the yearly rate of abortions has increased over 100 times the rate prior to that decision. Today in the USA, 1.6 million abortions are performed yearly, and over 4,300 per day. Of those abortions, over 70% are performed on unwed mothers. One quarter of all abortions in the USA end in abortion. Christians should be aware that the Bible condemns abortion as murder and teaches that God is in control of conception and birth and that he sees each unborn baby as an individual for whom he cares and for whom he has a perfect will. With all of that in mind, Christian women should not be neutral about abortion but should decide well in advance of a pregnancy that she will honor God by choosing to keep the gift of the child that he has given. Christians should stand against abortion, familiarize themselves with the types and results of abortions such as suction, burning, and suffocating so that they may speak intelligently on the matter. They can support the Hatch amendment to the Constitution, teach their children God's view of life and abortion, and support and exemplify a lifestyle of wholesome activity.</p>			

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Abuse	Unshackled	Dramatized true stories	Sat 0100 & 1500 Sun 0200	09/04 09/05	30 min each 60 min total	Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, Illinois produced the true story of a woman they called Priscilla. Her story illustrates the cycle of abuse that families and individuals go through in life. Growing up, Priscilla was physically abused by her mother and sexually abused by her stepfather. When his 4 years of abuse was discovered both her mom and her stepfather blamed her and treated her poorly. In college, she met and then married a man who seemed attentive but was emotionally and physically controlling. His controlling behavior drove her to attempt suicide and then to divorce him. He made her leave with nothing and never let her see their sons. From there her life was hard but she managed to earn a degree even though she got pregnant. She married another controlling man who endangered her baby daughter and eventually divorced him. Things began to change in her heart and mind when her mother called to apologize for everything that had happened to Emma while she was growing up. Her mom and stepdad had been saved and changed. Eventually, Emma started going to church and heard the gospel. She asked the Lord to save her and help her heal. Emma said, "I had lived my life my way and made a mess			

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							of it. I decide the rest of it would be spent honoring my Lord.”
COVID-19	Legal Alert	Legal advice	M-F 0732 & 1132	07/26	1.5 min each 3 min total		In today’s broadcast, the focus was on recent decisions from the Supreme Court about COVID-19. The court decided against several state governors who have been placing more restrictions on churches and places of worship than on any secular business. The court ruled that the 1 <sup>st</sup> Amendment protects the church and ministry. The web address for CLA is <a href="http://christianlaw.org">christianlaw.org</a> .
Family Relationships	Unshackled	Dramatized true life stories	Sat 0100 & 1500 Sun 0200	08/07 & 08/08	30 min each 60 min total		Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, Illinois produced a drama about the life of a woman they called “Emma.” She grew up in a Christian home that was loving and happy. She was the oldest of 4 children. When she was 16 years old, her mother died of cancer and she took on the care of her younger siblings. Her father provided a college education for her; and she rode a bus home every weekend that she was in college. On the bus, she met a man named Will who she dated and married. They had two sons. Wil began drinking and gambling; and when he hit her, Emma’s family encouraged her to leave him. Emma gave him another chance and Wil used it wisely, getting treatment for his alcohol addiction and staying

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						sober until he died of heart attack years later. She was glad that she stayed married because her boys had a stable home and she and Wil had a happy marriage. Emma said that the path God may lead you on might be a hard path up a mountain, but “the view from the top is spectacular.”			
Family Relationships	Keith Gomez	Preaching	M-F 1300	09/24 to 09/30	13 min each 65 min total	(from Northwest Bible Baptist Church in Elgin, IL; from a sermon broken into 5 parts for broadcast) Pastor Keith Gomez aimed to help homes by preaching a sermon about a husband’s responsibilities to his wife. Using Scripture to explain God’s design and plan for marriage and the home Gomez taught listeners that a wife is a reflection of her husband; so if the husband does not treat his wife right then it will show in his wife’s life. Marriage, Gomez said, is a living message to the world of the love of Christ for his church. When a husband will both do and be what the Bible teaches then there will be mutual love and respect between spouses and their relationship will be a good example of Christianity.			
Family Relationships	Blessed Hope Sunday	Preaching	Sun 0900	08/01	42 min	(from Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Jasonville, IN; an archived sermon from Mother’s Day) After going through the things of his late mother with			

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						his siblings and receiving her jewelry chest, Pastor Ross chose to bring a message to mothers about the best treasures that they can pass down to their children out of the jewelry chest of their lives. Briefly stated those treasures are these: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rubies of virtue</li> <li>2. Precious metals of knowledge, understanding and wisdom</li> <li>3. Pure silver of the Word of God</li> <li>4. Great riches of a good name</li> <li>5. Clear path to the gems of heaven</li> </ol>
Family Relationships	Blessed Hope Sunday	Preaching	Sun 0900	07/04	37 min	(from Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Jasonville, IN) Pastor Jerry Ross emphasized the importance of children in his sermon entitled “Feed My Lambs” taken from the book of John. Ross expounded upon three main points in an effort to help parents successfully bring up their children: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Children always pay the price when parents backslide out of a good church</li> <li>2. Children need to be fed good pasture, that is, children need to be brought up with wholesome influences and not on things that destroy their bodies, minds and spirits</li> <li>3. Children are a loan to parents from the Lord; ultimately they belong to Jesus</li> </ol>

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Family Relationships	Viewpoint	Devotional	22:00	07/19 to 07/23	4 min each 20 min total	In keeping with the themes of the last two weeks, Pete Steveson used this week to discuss the obedience of a child to his parents. Out of the book of Proverbs Steveson lifted several lessons about the benefits of obedience in a child's present and future life. Steveson also showed the consequences of disobedience in child's present and future life. Parents are responsible for fostering obedience in their child from the earliest stages of his life; and their consistent guidance is key to this objective. Of special note is the life-long consequence of allowing a child to be disobedient; that consequence being a poor self-image developed by the child. That poor self-image translates into self-destructive behaviors of all kinds.
Family Relationships	Viewpoint	Devotional	22:00	07/12 to 07/16	4 min each 20 min total	Following up on last week's lessons about the role of a child in his home, Pete Steveson focused this week on the character of a child. Using the book of Proverbs, Steveson taught young people that your character is what you make it," saying further that, "Your actions strengthen your character," whether it be a good character or bad one. During the week, Steveson detailed examples of both good and bad character traits in a child, including knowledge, prudence,

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						discernment, brutishness, foolishness, dishonesty, and greediness.			
Family Relationships	Viewpoint	Devotional	22:00	07/05 to 07/09	4 min each 20 min total	Pete Steveson used this week to address the Bible's view of a child's role in his home. Steveson pointed out that each member in a home has a role to fulfill and the proper fulfillment of each role leads to harmony and needs met for everyone in the home. In brief, parents are responsible for leading while the child is responsible for following. In the week, Steveson addressed in more detail the what, the how, and the why of a child's responsibilities in his home. A child's attitude, listening skills, gratitude, and work ethic were all important points in this week's lessons.			
Finances	Legal Alert	Legal advice	M-F 0732 & 1132	09/27	1.5 min each 3 min total	Attorney David Gibbs Jr. of the Christian Law Association (CLA) briefly shared the case of man who recently called the law offices of CLA for advice about taking care of his family's financial future. He has a child who needs ongoing specialized care and now his wife has just been hospitalized having slipped into a permanent state of unconsciousness. CLA was able to help him begin the process of securing his family's future. Gibbs advised listeners that now is the time to find a lawyer in your area to help you plan for			



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							these issues before they arise in your life. The web address for CLA is christianlaw.org.
Finances	Legal Alert	Legal advice	M-F 0732 & 1132	07/29	1.5 min each 3 min total		Advice about estate planning is what Attorney David Gibbs Jr. brought to listeners today. Gibbs advises that it is important to have both a will and a power of attorney. The will is what manages your property when you die. The power of attorney appoints someone to manage your medical and financial affairs if you become incapacitated. CLA can help you understand this better if you have questions. The web address for CLA is christianlaw.org.
Mental & Health & Wellness	The Bible from Bethel	Preaching	1040 Sun live 1600 Sat re-air	08/22 live 09/04 re-air	54 min each 108 min total		(from Bethel Baptist Church, Linton, IN) Guest speaker Pastor Mike Holloway aimed to encourage listeners about the topic of suffering since we each either have just come through suffering, have suffered in the past, or will enter into suffering in the future. Sometimes people wonder how a good God can allow us to suffer at all and even Christians wonder why the faithful should not be more comfortable in life. Using the analogy of a famous “bridge to nowhere” which was constructed in CA in 1936, Holloway taught that, among other positive things, suffering is a bridge that leads us closer to God. Holloway elaborated on other positive things that suffering

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						produces in the Christian which cannot be produced in any other way. In total, Holloway's point was that we should not despise suffering but embrace it, knowing that God is our help and that he is working out good things on the behalf of those that suffer and those who learn from our suffering.
Mental Health & Wellness	Blessed Hope Sunday	Preaching	Sun 0900	07/11	36 min	(from Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Jasonville, IN) Endeavoring to help listeners who may be discouraged with national or personal troubles, Pastor Jerry Ross preached a message from Lamentations about the hope that is available when we remember 5 particular things. Briefly stated, those things are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I could be worse; there could be no mercy or grace from God</li> <li>2. God knows and cares and he shows it</li> <li>3. Tomorrow is a new day; there is new grace and new help from God for the present day</li> <li>4. God is faithful; you are not alone at any moment</li> <li>5. As long as there is God, there is hope</li> </ol>
Mental Health & Wellness	Voice of the Appalachians	Preaching	0100 1000	08/09 to 08/13	14 min each 70 min total	(from a sermon broken into 5 parts for broadcast) Having in mind the troubled times we are facing in

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						the USA, Pastor Jeff Fugate of Clays Mill Road Baptist Church in KY preached a message to help the hearts of listeners who may be overwhelmed by it all. "Truths for Troubled Times" was his title and in the message Fugate shared and expanded on 4 things that we need in troubled times: Confidence, Contentment, Cooperation, and Courage.
Mental Health and Wellness	Voice of the Appalachians	Preaching	0100 1000	09/27 to 10/01	14 min each 70 min total	(from a sermon broken into 5 parts for broadcast) Pastor Jeff Fugate brought a message to listeners who might be struggling with personal trials. Fugate taught about what the Bible calls the refiners furnace, explaining that God uses trials in the lives of Christians to gain specific results. Five main points of Fugate's message were as follows: 1. The fire of the refining furnace is not for everyone only for God's children, just as the silver furnace is not for every kind of thing, only for silver. 2. The fire reveals what cannot be seen outside of the fire, that is, God's strength. 3. We are never alone in the fire, God is in there with us. 4. The furnace is temporary, but the results are eternal. 5. The process is finished when the refiner's image (that is the image of Jesus) can be seen in us, both by Jesus and by the people around us. Fugate says that in our trials we must

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						take heart and trust that God is acting on our behalf to remove dross (that is sin or useless things or worldly things) from our hearts and lives.
Patriotism	Blessed Hope Daily	Devotional	M-F 0530 & 1800	07/05	9 min each 18 min total	(from Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Jasonville, IN) Following the Independence Day weekend, Pastor Jerry Ross used this broadcast to encourage true patriotism in his listenership. Ross used the Bible to define patriotism and quoted some of nation's most notable leaders in support of that definition. Among those quoted were President Lincoln, President Reagan, President Eisenhower, Chief Justice Moore, Daniel Webster, Patrick Henry ("Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains."), and President Washington "Guard against the postures of pretended patriotism.")
Patriotism	Blessed Hope Sunday	Preaching	Sun 0900	09/12	34 min	(from Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Jasonville, IN) Pastor Ross preached a message about US patriotism. He used Scripture as well as quotes and true stories as he expounded on 5 main points that define a good American. Those five points briefly stated are these: A good American... 1. Focuses on his personal and civic responsibilities and not on his rights. Our nation turned from a nation of

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						<p>victors to a nation of victims when we lost this trait.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Appreciates those whose sacrifice provides the freedom he enjoys. He respects our military, veterans, anthem and our flag.</li> <li>3. Works hard, pays his taxes, and contributes to the financial wellbeing of his nation.</li> <li>4. Understands that the biblical family is the building block of a stable nation.</li> <li>5. Lives a life that allows the blessing of God to be upon his nation. Christians must turn from their sin and live to please the Lord.</li> </ol>			
Quality of Life	Blessed Hope Daily	Devotional	M-F 0530 & 1800	Weeks of: 07/26 08/02 08/09 08/16 08/23 08/30 09/06 09/13 09/20 09/27	7 min each broadcast (except 08/27 in which Ross deviated from the topic for one broadcast)	(from Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Jasonville, IN) For his daily broadcast, Pastor Jerry Ross began a lengthy series on July 26 in which he taught listeners how to build satisfying and successful relationships. Ross explained his concern that the past 5 or 6 decades have seen a steady decline in the ability of our nation's people to build and maintain healthy relationships. During the weeks of this series, he diagnosed the problem at its root as the habit people have developed of focusing always on their own rights			

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					35 min each week  343 min in 7 weeks together (for the 0530 spot)  588 min (for both time spots together)	in every relationship instead of focusing on their responsibilities in those relationships. Using Scripture and personal experience as a pastor, Ross expounded in detail on the an individual’s responsibilities in the following relationships: To God, To siblings, To Grandparents, To a wife, and To a husband. Ross says that the secret to healthy relationships is personal responsibility and the greatest threat to them is self-worship. Parts of this series are taken from Pastor Ross’ book, “A Teenager’s Guide to Healthy Relationships.” This book is offered for sale at the website <a href="http://www.stayinthecastle.com">www.stayinthecastle.com</a> Ross will continue this series into October; and WYTJ Radio will include it in Quarter 4 of the Community Issues Report.			
Quality of Life	Blessed Hope Sunday	Preaching	Sun 0900	09/19	40 min	(from Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Jasonville, IN) Pastor Jerry Ross preached a message that he aimed mainly at young people and young adults who may be frustrated with what feels like a slow start to success. Using the analogy of the process of flying to a distant destination, Ross taught listeners that the “cost of flying” is waiting and that everything that seems to be a delay has special purpose, and that God is ultimately in control. Ross hopes that young people will be			

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						encouraged to trust the Lord as they wait for their chance to “fly”.
Quality of Life	The Bible from Bethel	Preaching	1040 Sun live 1600 Sat re-air	08/29 live 09/11 re-air	44 min each 88 min total	(from Bethel Baptist Church, Linton, IN) Endeavoring to motivate listeners to improve their lives by living wisely. Cassel’s Bible text was Psalm 101 where King David shared his “six I-Wills” of how to live wisely. In brief, if you want to live a wise life decide to do these things: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Decide that you will sing and not lose your godly song in time of heartache or trouble</li> <li>2. Do right and be conscientious</li> <li>3. Keep your home holy, governing yourself in a holy way</li> <li>4. Be decisive and purposeful about what you look at and watch, especially concerning porn and violence</li> <li>5. Be careful who you choose for friends; it’s more important who your friends are not as who your friends are</li> <li>6. Be like Jesus Christ in your every action and reaction</li> </ol>
Religious Rights & Responsibilities	Legal Alert	Legal advice	M-F 0732 & 1132	07/21	1.5 min each 3 min total	Attorney David Gibbs Jr. of the Christian Law Association (CLA) advised listeners today on the subject of copyright laws. A pastor from Colorado called the CLA offices to ask if it is legal to print

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						the lyrics of copyrighted songs in the church bulletin. While it is legal to perform and display copyrighted lyrics during a religious service, it is not legal to reprint them in brochures and bulletins. For that, the church needs to get permission. The web address for CLA is christianlaw.org.			
Religious Rights & Responsibilities	Legal Alert	Legal advice	M-F 0732 & 1132	07/19	1.5 min each 3 min total	Today Attorney David Gibbs of the Christian Law Association (CLA) advised listeners not to give up their freedoms prematurely. For a county supervisors meeting local pastors were invited by the legislative body to give an invocation but were admonished that they may not pray in Jesus' name. CLA was able to clarify the law for the board, informing them that there is not law prohibiting prayer in Jesus' name if the legislative body has a neutral police regarding the voluntary prayers. The web address for CLA is christianlaw.org			
Religious Rights & Responsibilities	Legal Alert	Legal advice	M-F 0732 & 1132	07/08	1.5 min each 3 min total	Attorney David Gibbs Jr brought advice to listeners today about censorship in a public school Year Book. By way of example, Gibbs shared a case wherein a public school allowed ads to be purchased by family and friends to be included in the book. When one student's parents purchased an ad, they included a Scripture verse in it to			



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						describe their daughter. The school principle said the ad could not be included with a Bible verse on it; but the Christian Law Association informed the school that the law protects the free speech of private citizens in public publications. The Christian Law Association’s web address is christianlaw.org
Social & Cultural Change	Voice of the Appalachians	Preaching	0100 1000	0913 to 09/17	14 min each 70 min total	(from a sermon broken into 5 parts for broadcast) Pastor Jeff Fugate of Clays Mill Road Baptist Church in KY preached a sermon aimed at the hearts that are distressed over recent catastrophes and challenges in the US. Fugate pointed out the devastating consequences that we have seen and may yet see because of the failed Afghanistan pull-out, the destruction of the last hurricane in the south, the China virus, rioting in our cities, and more. Listeners were exhorted by Fugate to avoid blaming this or that policy or politician, and instead to realize that these calamities are not coincidental but are sent by God to awaken His believers. Instead of blaming others, Fugate believes Christians must recognize that the help of our nation has always come from God when his people look to him and live for him. In that light, Christians should turn from sin, live holy, and share the gospel.

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Social & Cultural Change	Voice of the Appalachians	Preaching	0100 1000	07/19 to 07/23	14 min each 70 min total	(from a message broken into 5 parts for broadcast) With concern about the Marxist movement in our nation which is making strides to eradicate our true history, Pastor Jeff Fugate of Clays Mill Road Baptist Church in KY preached a message about how our founding fathers and our Declaration of Independence indicated that this nation was founded on Biblical principles and Biblical Christianity. Quoting the writings of early justices and public servants (including the verdict of from Feb 29, 1892 in the supreme court case of The Holy Trinity vs the United States), as well quoting the Declaration itself, Fugate made his points; among which are the following examples. Our founders believed that natural law is the basis for our system of government; that faith in God secures freedom; that all men are created equal (a direct contrast to the CRT being taught in public schools now); our rights are God-given not government-given and are to be protected by the government); and that God is the protector of life. Fugate encouraged individuals and families to educate themselves on our founding documents and on the Bible. Listeners were also encouraged to pray for and to choose virtuous leaders. He further admonished listeners to live righteously	

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						because righteousness, according to God, exalts a nation.
Social & Cultural Change	Voice of the Appalachians	Preaching	0100 1000	07/12 to 07/16	14 min each 70 min total	(from a message broken into 5 parts for broadcast) Pastor Jeff Fugate of Clays Mill Baptist Church in KY preached a message that taught listeners about a special importance of the World of God. Using the Bible and examples, Fugate showed that our personal and national sin need to be forgiven; but beyond that, the sin needs to be cleansed if we are going to be able to go on for the Lord and have peace and victory. The forgiveness comes through asking God for it. The cleansing comes through reading and heeding the Bible. The Word of God is the solution to the turmoil in our nation, and the application of that solution begins with individuals reading and heeding the Bible on a daily basis.
Social & Cultural Change	Viewpoint	Devotional	22:00	08/16 to 08/20	4 min each 20 min total	As our nation's teens seem more and more troubled, Pete Steveson attempted this week to show listeners the root cause of the trouble: parents. Steveson showed that children go in the direction that their parents aim them. As parents live any way they want to live, they should not be surprised that their children live a level or more below the parental standard set for them. During this week, Steveson cited statistics, expert

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						opinion, and biblical examples that all show the cause of troubled teens to be their own wayward parents who are reaping in their children what they have sown by their inconsistency and sin.
Social & Cultural Change	Viewpoint	Devotional	22:00	08/09 to 08/13	4 min each 20 min total	This week Pete Steveson addressed the sexual revolution in the USA. He compared and contrasted the standards of today with those of just one generation past, as well as with those of the Bible. Steveson cited statistics that have changed because of the sexual revolution going on in our nation. Some of those stats include the following: In 2020 there were 1.6 million abortions with 1/3 of those being on teen mothers; 80% of boys and 70% of girls lose their virginity before leaving their teens; in the past 15 years there has been an 80% increase in babies born to unwed mothers under the age of 16. Steveson encouraged Christians to personally maintain a biblical standard of morality and sexual purity, to actively teach and empower their children to do the same, to actively oppose immorality in their communities, to actively promote wholesome activities in their community, and to be a positive influence for morality among their friends.

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Local Events	Community Bulletin Board	Announcements	12:20 M-F		3 to 5 min	Local non-profit organizations are invited to add their events to the Community Bulletin Board. Each weekday (Mon –Fri) the invitation airs at 12:20 along with any new announcements.  The following announcements were made on WYTJ Radio during Quarter 3 of 2021: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Week of Sep 27 announcement for Sylvania Wesleyan Church, event on 10/10</li> <li>2.</li> </ol>
Spanish Outreach	Desencadenados	Spanish, Dramatized True Stories	Times are in the date box	1. Saturdays 0602 Sundays 1902	30 min each 780 min total	WYTJ Radio carries two special programs on Saturdays and Sundays to reach out to Spanish-speaking people in our listening area. Desencadenados is a radio drama that shares the true life stories of people who have struggled with life and found change and hope in Jesus Christ
Spanish Outreach	Resplandeciendo En Tinieblas	Spanish, Sermon	Times are in the date box	Sundays 1002	30 min each 390 min total	WYTJ Radio carries two special programs on Saturdays and Sundays to reach out to Spanish-speaking people in our listening area. Resplandeciendo En Tinieblas is a sermon recorded live by Missionary Jonathon Bryan at church in Zechatechas, Mexico.