



Issues and Programs Report

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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.

EDUCATION

Around the Town: Re-Air

Title: Children Have A Day to Celebrate Religious Freedom

Host: Angelena Houseman

Guest: Emerson Collins Program Manager for Bring Your Bible to School Day for Focus on the Family.

Aired: At 3pm on October 1, 2023 for 11 minutes and 42 seconds.

Topic: Emerson talks about the importance of Bring Your Bible to School Day and how students can exercise their religious freedoms by participating. He gives tips on how students can exercise this freedom by openly carrying their Bibles around their schools and how this will hopefully allow the students to start open conversations and bible studies with their fellow students, with an emphasis on non disruptive, respectful engagement. He offers other resources through Focus on the Family regarding the students legal protections as well.

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Host: Angelena Houseman

Guest: Mariya Tatarin recipient of a Christmas Shoe Box

Aired: At 3pm on October 14-15 and November 11-12, 2023, for 24 minutes and 45 seconds.

Topic: The wonderful opportunity to send a Christmas Shoe Box to a child in need and how it can have a positive impact on that child's life. Mariyan talks about being a recipient when she was 12 years old and how that gift meant so much to her and her family. She encourages others to participate in Operation Christmas Child ShoeBox to help young kids in need all across the world, and to be open to what God might do with it.

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Guest: Jeremy Keaton is the Senior Director of Counseling Services at Focus on the Family

Aired: At 3pm on December 23-24, 2023 for 22 minutes and 2 seconds.

Topic: Jeremy talks about how we can prepare for the stresses of the Christmas season and family gatherings. With his experience in counseling, Jeremy gives resources and tips on how to interact with the imperfections of family life. Such resources include: reserving time to get grounded and refocused on God, fueling up our hearts through Bible reading or music, setting flexible but optimistic expectations, and focusing on what everyone has in common. He emphasizes the importance of the Holy Spirit and how it exudes fruits of the spirit in our lives.

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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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Title: New Programmer Shares His Story

Host: Angelena Houseman

Guest: Pastor Dan Sexton

Aired: At 3pm on October 7-8 and 21-22, 2023 for 26 minutes and 28 seconds.

Topic: Pastor Dan Sexton introduces himself as one of the new teachers for RenewFM with his program Ring Of Truth. He talks about his background and upbringing as well as his passion for teaching God's Word. His new teaching will be airing Monday through Friday at 10am.

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Title: Voice of the Martyrs: International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians

Host: Angelena Houseman

Guest: Todd Nettleton, Chief of Media Relations and Message Integration and host for the Voice of the Martyrs Podcast.

Aired: At 3pm on October 28-29 and November 4-5 at 3pm for 22 minutes and 42 seconds.

Topic: Voice of the Martyrs's International Day of Prayer is a designated day for Christians around the world to pray for the persecuted Church. Todd wants to encourage Christians to be purposefully praying that fellow believers would be strengthened as they face dangerous opposition for their faith. He says that the persecuted church mainly wants prayer for the strength to face the persecution and how they can continue to share the Gospel. Voice of the Martyrs offers people resources such as their magazine, books and the podcast.

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