



Issues and Programs Report

for

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Station Manager

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” NEW

Title: Learning Centers can be the Alternative to Public School

Host: Angelena Houseman

Guest: Michael King is the Director of Community Alliance for the Massachusetts Family Institute.

Aired: July 8-9 and July 22-23 at 3pm for 28 minutes and 53 seconds.

Topic: Michael gives details on how churches can host learning centers for parents who are looking for alternatives to public school for their children. He talks about using the home school model for the church and for parents who might be unsatisfied with the current education system as well as the supplies needed to get started.

Title: The Need for a Media Detox

Host: Angelena Houseman

Guest: Lisa Anderson from Focus on the Family

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Topic: Lisa emphasizes the importance of taking a break from the different types of media we consume and the effects we might experience with excessive usage. She talks about how digital interactions can have a negative impact on our mental health, relationship and time management. She also gives advice on what we can do to limit our exposure and how we can be more productive with our time such as identifying your offenders, picking one to put a limit on, and finding things to replace it.

Title: Bring Your Bible to School Day

Host: Angelena Houseman

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

Aired: On September 23-24 and the 30th, 2023 at 3pm 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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Title: Pastors in Prison

Host: Angelena Houseman

Guest: Todd Nettleton is the Chief of Media Relations and Message Integration for Voice of the Martyrs

Aired: July 29-30 and August 12-13 at 3pm for 24 minutes and 1 second.

Topic: Todd talks about how we should be aware of other believers around the world who are being persecuted. He mentions how the Eritrean Government has shut down church meetings which resulted in them meeting underground and pastors being imprisoned. He wants to encourage people who want to participate by praying, sending letters to the imprisoned believers, and sending emails to the Eritrean Government about the injustice.

Title: The Story of Tragedy and Redemption in Ruth

Host: Angelena Houseman

Guest: Pastor David MacAdam Producing Director and Composer for New Life Fine Arts Musical Theatre in Concord Massachusetts.

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Title: Far Reaching Ministries

Host: Pastor George Small

Guest: Wes Bentley

Aired: September 9-10, 2023 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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