

# **WFTF Radio**

**Issues/Programs**

**4TH QUARTER/2021**

## **Quarterly Issues Program List**

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#### **Fourth Quarter 2021 (1 October to 31 December)**

The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to WFTF, RUTLAND, VT, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of 1 October to 31 December. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific.

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Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Family Issues	Closer Look	10/3/21	7:00pm	30min	<p>'Solo' Parent Society Hosts Free Online Support Groups</p> <p>After 13 years of marriage, Robert Beeson suddenly found himself single. "My wife left me -- and left me with our three daughters who were 9, 7 and 4 at the time. It was the darkest season." Grappling with this new solo responsibility, the divorced dad turned to his church for comfort and support. He was saddened to find very few Christian resources address the deep loneliness and doubt that many single parents endure. Out of his own need to be part of a welcoming faith community, Beeson founded the Solo Parent Society.</p>
Healthcare	Closer Look	10/10/21	7:00pm	15min	<p>'Dare To Dream' School Assemblies Ignite Hope In Tweens, Teens</p> <p>Air1's Dare To Dream school assemblies rely heavily on the power of personal experience, starting with the unlikely success Randy Rich enjoyed as a professional football player for the Detroit Lions, Denver Broncos, Oakland Raiders and Cleveland Browns. Various artists, musicians and pro-athletes take the mic to share their own struggles to believe and achieve.</p>
Technology	Closer Look	10/10/21	7:15min	15min	<p>Young Children Give Out Phone Numbers, Chat with Strangers Online</p> <p>An Interview with the Center for Cyber Safety and Education and Eliza McCoy with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children about their age-appropriate training program called Netsmartz.</p>
Parenting	Closer Look	10/17/21	7:00pm	30min	<p>'Solo' Parent Society Hosts Free Online Support Groups</p> <p>After 13 years of marriage, Robert Beeson suddenly found himself single. "My wife left me -- and left me with our three daughters who were 9, 7 and 4 at the time. It was the darkest season." Grappling with this new solo responsibility, the divorced dad turned to his church for comfort and support. He was saddened to find very few Christian resources address the deep loneliness and doubt that many single parents endure. Out of his own need to be part of a welcoming faith community, Beeson founded the Solo Parent Society. Why call it 'solo' instead of 'single?' "Single to me says status, but solo is a condition -- we wanted to bring attention to the complexities that 34% of our homes are dealing with in America."</p>

Moving	Closer Look	10/24/21	7:00pm	28min	<p>Americans On the Move - The Great Reshuffling?</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic pressed the accelerator on a pre-existing trend in the United States. Americans are on the move. Not all of us and not from everywhere, but “we’re seeing the very early stages of a sort of ‘reshuffling’ in the country,” says Evan Hock, co-founder of Make My Move. Facing realities, sometimes economic, sometimes health-related, people nationwide are reassessing personal priorities. D’Vera Cohn of Pew Research Center confirms “about 1 in 20 adults told us they had moved permanently or temporarily due to the coronavirus outbreak,” a marked uptick from years past. The shift was especially noticeable among young adults aged 18-29. “We found about 11% moved due to the COVID pandemic,” she says, which contrasts with just 5% of older adults. The pandemic also intensified the drift towards 20-somethings residing with their parents long-term.</p> <p>Related Links:  <a href="https://www.makemymove.com/">https://www.makemymove.com/</a>  <a href="https://www.bankrate.com/authors/jeff-ostrowski/">https://www.bankrate.com/authors/jeff-ostrowski/</a></p>
Mental Health	Closer Look	10/31/21	7:00pm	13min	<p>'Tell Me More' - 3 Words to Prevent Teen Suicide</p> <p>Crushing loneliness and lack of purpose has seized millions of young adults, causing a frightening spike in teen suicides. Mental health experts urge parents, teachers and pastors to turn the tide of dark thoughts with these three little words: “Tell me more.” Monika Kelly gets advice from Maureen Underwood with the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide who also serves as a social worker and psychotherapist.</p> <p>RELATED LINKS: Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide USA: (732) 996-0056  America's Health Rankings - Teen Suicide</p>
Ministry – Pandemic	Closer Look	10/31/21	7:14pm	16min	<p>‘Call-In’ Bible Studies Connect to Faith and Friendship</p> <p>When COVID-19 forced churches to close and halted even small social gatherings, Christians continued to crave interaction with fellow believers. Soldiers For Faith Ministries launched ‘call-in’ bible studies back in 2012, but stay-at-home orders in 2020 crystalized the ministry purpose and mission. “When the pandemic hit,” says founder Kelly McAndrew, “all of a sudden we understood what God had prepared us for.”</p>

Addiction	Closer Look	11/7/21	7:00pm	28min	<p>Vaping Often Fails as Alternative to Smoking</p> <p>Vaping is marketed as a safe alternative to traditional cigarettes, but 'dual use' plus dramatic surge in teen addiction and recent links to lung disease send most e-cig claims up in smoke. Billie Branham talks with Linda Richter of the Center on Addiction and Dr. Michael Blaha, cardiovascular research director at Johns Hopkins Hospital.</p> <p>RELATED LINKS:</p> <p>10 Surprising Facts About E-Cigarettes (Center on Addiction)</p> <p>Outbreak of Lung Injury Associated with the Use of E-Cigarette, or Vaping, Products (Centers for Disease Control)</p> <p>"5 Vaping Facts You Need to Know," by Dr. Michael Blaha M.D., M.D.H.</p> <p>Linda Richter, Dir. of the Policy of Research and Analysis for the Center on Addiction (bio)</p> <p>"Can vaping damage your lungs? What we do (and don't) know," Harvard Health</p>
Veterans	Closer Look	11/14/21	7:00pm	13min	<p>Arts &amp; Crafts Ease PTSD In Veterans</p> <p>Another, somewhat unique, outreach to injured vets utilizes leather, beads, paint and glue: since 1971, Help Heal Vets has distributed more than 30-million arts and crafts kits – model cars, leather work, jewelry, needlepoint, clock-making – provided to veterans free of charge. But does art therapy work? “Yes,” assures CEO Captain Joe McClain. "Got it's start in WWI and has been used by clinicians in every conflict throughout.</p>
Veterans	Closer Look	11/14/21	7:13pm	17min	<p>24/7 Veterans Crisis Line for you or a loved one: Call 800-273-8255, then select 1. Start a confidential chat. or Text 838255. If you have hearing loss, call TTY: 800-799-4889. PTSD Foundation of America works to free veterans of debilitating anguish that can lead to a breakdown in mental health. We talked with Ryan Rogers about healing from the 'moral injury' of combat. Peer-to-peer Warrior Groups are available in cities nationwide.</p>

Incarceration	Closer Look	11/21/21	7:00pm	15min	Jail to Jobs, Prison Fellowship 'Remembers Those In Prison' The Bible's book of Hebrews calls Christians to "remember those in prison." Today, in the United States more than 2-million men and women are behind bars. Even more striking, 2 out of 3 prisoners, when they get out, will re-offend and go right back in. Why is recidivism so high? Christ-centered ministries like Prison Fellowship and Jail To Jobs Austin break into that hopelessness with practical and spiritual reform. Hip-hop artist Lecrae partners with Prison Fellowship, performing concerts in select prisons, speaking and encouraging inmates to embrace a second chance at life. Citing imperfect biblical leaders like Moses and King David, the artist commits himself to raising awareness of all people serving sentences, well-deserved or not. Jesus "wouldn't see them as what they've done, He'd see them as what He can do through them. I think that's how we should see them as well." "They're still human beings with dignity who've made mistakes."
Incarceration – Employment	Closer Look	11/21/21	7:15pm	15min	In Austin, Christian-based program called Jail to Jobs is another example of a restorative approach, successfully redirecting teenagers caught breaking the law. As the name implies, the ministry goes into juvenile halls and offers young men and women a chance to show up on a jobsite and learn a trade when they are released. "If we can get them to us, and mentor them and teach the word of God," says Jeremias Cooper, JTJ Travis County director, "then we can start making some changes in their lives."
Mental Health	Local Closer Look	11/28/21	7:00pm	15min	CLOSER LOOK: Heroes Shaped By 9-11, Lessons from The Attacks on America For those who witnessed the aftermath up close, the effects of 9-11 were infinitely more personal than intrusive changes to airport security. The attacks redirected their personal health and professional ministries. Kevin Ellers, D. Min was in Kansas City when he was called to the Trade Towers collapse in New York City with The Salvation Army. Ellers has since designed curriculum with titles like Spiritual First Aid used to train first responders internationally. Rev. Dr. Tim Carentz was a young Air Force medic in D.C. when he got the call to the Pentagon on 9-11. He was eventually diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Leaning on faith in Jesus and the support of his military community, Carentz retired from the USAF as a Chief Master Sergeant and now operates Kaiserslautern Military Resiliency Center.

Healthcare	Closer Look	12/5/21	7:00pm	29min	Living with Chronic Illness? Advice for Faith and Family “It can be very isolating when no one really gets it,” says Susan Rodriguez at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. As a licensed clinical social worker, she works with patients who experience emotional pain caused by their debilitating physical condition. “They feel like they’re being looked at as lazy, not wanting to work, saying ‘my family thinks I just wanna be home all day,’ she explains, “but many are licensed, they hold degrees...they have contributed to society and they want to continue doing that.”
Employment	Closer Look	12/12/21	7:00pm	29min	Land Your Next Great Job! Crossroads Career Services Offers Advice Losing your job can be emotionally draining and can even lead to questioning your faith in God. “To have some anger, some bitterness, some regret is a very natural thing,” agrees Dave Sparkman of Crossroad Career Services, who challenges jobseekers to ask themselves “...a truly curious question. ‘I wonder what God’s up to here?’
Faith	Closer Look	12/19/21	7:00pm	16min	GenZ Christians Surveyed on God, The Bible and Society GenZ Christians have questions about practical faith. They want Scripture-based solutions for the issues they face alongside their friends. “I can no longer avoid truths about racial injustice, about environmental destruction and I do not know if the Church cares about this.” For them it’s pastoral – not political.
Youth Programs	Closer Look	12/19/21	7:16pm	15min	Tech Careers Encouraged Among Black Youth Through ‘Hidden Genius’ The Hidden Genius Project began when five business and tech titans, all black men, partnered to mentor black boys for careers in science and technology in Oakland California. Not only do 95% of program participants graduate from high school, but many go on to head up other impactful social and educational outreaches in their communities. We talked with founding Executive Director, Brandon Nicholson.