

**Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station – WDWD**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

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**Community Programming**

**News-** Reports from “Salem Radio News”.

**Weather-** Locally produced forecasts every hour.

**Local Religious Program: “FaithTalk Today” Sat 2 PM and Sun 12 PM.** Rick Probst sits down with area pastors, ministry leaders, actors, authors, influencers, and artists—discussing the things that matter most. Subjects: Faith, Church, Family, Ministry and Culture.

**Daily Children’s Programming - “Adventures in Odyssey” M-F, 7:30 PM-8 PM.** Adventures in Odyssey, or simply Odyssey, is an Evangelical Christian radio drama and comedy series created and produced by Focus on the Family for kids.

**Weekend Children’s Programming - “Focus on the Family Radio Theatre” Sat 7 AM-7:30 AM, “Adventures in Odyssey” Sat 7:30 AM-8 AM, “Paws and Tales” Sat 8 AM-8:30 AM, “Brinkman Adventures” Sat 8:30 AM-9 AM**

**Family Program- “Focus on the Family” M-F, 7 AM and 10 PM.** Focus on the Family is a global Christian ministry dedicated to helping families thrive. They provide help and resources for couples to build healthy marriages that reflect God's design, and for parents to raise their children according to morals and values grounded in biblical principles.

## Section I. Issues

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. Parenting:** Pam Farrel (raised by a single mom) and Peggy Sue Wells (a single mom of seven!) offer guidance to single moms (and dads!) as they navigate life with their children. They examine some of the best decisions a single mom can make.
- B. Religious Liberty:** An insightful discussion on the global Church and how Christians in other countries are continuing to spread the Gospel despite continued persecution.
- C. Gender Identity:** A pediatrician and a guest who underwent transitioning, speak compassionately about the issues surrounding gender.
- D. Marriage:** A married couple who remarried after they both were widowed by the death of their first spouses, talk about the unique challenges that couples face in remarriages and stepfamilies.
- E. Financial Education:** The five money personalities — saver, spender, risk taker, security seeker, and flyer. A married couple explains how to be more content with financial situation and how couples can get on the same page, financially.
- F. Media Choices for Children:** What we consume entertainment-wise shapes who we are and what we believe. Adam Holz and Paul Asay from Focus on the Family's Plugged-In team equips you to guide your family to make healthy media choices.
- G. Religious Education:** Dr. James Saxon, the director of evangelism and adult bible classes at The Church of The Apostles right here in Atlanta, GA discusses what evangelism looks like in the context of a local church.
- H. Leadership:** Dr. Paul Cannings host of "Power Walk Ministries" and pastor of Living Word Fellowship Church in Houston, Texas, discusses the need to continually grow as a leader and minister of a local church body, as well as how to stay inspired and vigilant in an ever-shifting cultural landscape.

- I. **Humanitarian Aid:** A global nonprofit network of children’s hospitals providing surgical care.

## **Section II. Responsive Programs**

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

### **A. Parenting:**

**“Focus on the Family”** – Broadcast on January 2, 7-7:30 AM: How to Take Your Family Through a Digital Fast. Like most parents of children born after 2010, Molly DeFrank embraced the new digital technologies of smart phones and tablets for her kids. But she grew increasingly alarmed as she observed detrimental effects of “zombified kids,” emotional outbursts, loss of other interests, etc. And she discovered alarming research that the average child spends more than 7 hours per day on a screen for entertainment purposes! As a result, Molly realized she and other parents needed to take control of the technology impact upon her children and instituted a 2-week digital fast – no phones, no tablets, no computer games, no TV, etc. Within few days, Molly’s kids were transformed and found plenty of other creative activities to explore. Molly recommends a “U-N-D-O” strategy for families — “Unplug” from digital tech, “Notice” your kids (and their interests), “Develop” screen-free alternatives, and “Open” the books (eg... rediscover the joy of reading). Molly is not anti-tech; she simply wants to equip families to put technology in its proper place as a tool for our families.

**“Focus on the Family”** – Broadcast on February 8 & 9, 7-7:30 AM: Leading Your Family as a Single Mom I-II. If you’re a single parent, you’ve got the job of two people and doing all you can to keep your family afloat! On this two-day Focus on the Family broadcast, Pam Farrel (raised by a single mom) and Peggy Sue Wells (a single mom of seven!) offer guidance to single moms (and dads!) as they navigate life with their children. They examine some of the best decisions a single mom can make—things like choosing to thrive, creating a nurturing home, introducing your child to Jesus, and learning to respond to situations in healthy ways. It’s an encouraging conversation for the single parent!

## **B. Religious Liberty:**

**“FaithTalk Today”**— Broadcast on January 7, 12-12:15 PM: Rick Probst sits down with Todd Nettleton, host of Voice of the Martyrs, for an insightful discussion on the global Church and how Christians in other countries are continuing to spread the Gospel despite continued persecution. Todd also shares some guidance on how Christians in America can pray for their brothers and sisters in other countries. Visit [VOMRadio.net](http://VOMRadio.net) for more details and visit [persecution.org](http://persecution.org) to learn how you can pray for persecuted Christians.

## **C. Gender Identity:**

**“Focus on the Family”** – Broadcast on December 26, 7-7:30 AM: God’s Amazing Grace in a Transgendered Person’s Life I-II. Laura Perry Smalts shares about her 7-year journey of transitioning and identifying as a male before realizing she was living a lie and then fully embracing her female gender. She tells about her painful experiences living with a self-created identity outside of God’s design and incredible plan for her, revealed through her loving parents and other believers. Laura and Dr. Meg Meeker, a pediatrician, speak compassionately about the issues surrounding gender confusion in today’s culture, offering practical insights, hope and help.

#### **D. Marriage:**

**“Focus on the Family”** – Broadcast on February 27 & 28, 7-7:30 AM: When Lives Collide: Navigating Remarriage and Stepfamily I-II. Sabrina Beasley McDonald and her husband Robbie became widowed by the death of their first spouses. Bringing children from their previous marriages into the relationship, they found that merging their two families was less like the Brady Bunch and more like the Montagues and Capulets from Romeo and Juliet. Together though they were able to build something beautiful from the pain of the past. In this interview, Sabrina will help couples and single adults prepare for remarriage and the formation of a stepfamily. She also talks about the unique challenges that couples face in remarriages and stepfamilies.

**“FaithTalk Today”**— Broadcast on March 10, 12-12:15 PM: This week, Rick sat down with Tony & Venita Mitchell to talk about how to honor God with your marriage. Tony served for 30 years in executive roles at organizations ranging from \$2 million to \$2 billion in revenue. Now retired, Tony serves as an independent board director, national speaker, and strategic advisor. He has also served as the COO of Christian Alliance for Orphans. Venita has worked in both public and private accounting, served as Women’s Ministries Director, and is a board member, speaker and mentor. The couple are also the speakers for FamilyLife’s Weekend to Remember, which is April 26th - 28th, 2024 at the Crowne Plaza Perimeter at Ravinia. The Mitchells share some incredible testimonies from previous Weekends, what couples can expect at a Weekend, and ultimately the blessings that can be reaped from investing in your marriage.

#### **E. Financial Education:**

**“Focus on the Family”** – Broadcast on January 24, 7-7:30 AM: When Your Money and Marriage Clash. Money is one of the top reasons why couples experience conflict in marriage. Taylor and Megan Kovar believe the conflict isn’t about money but about a lack of

communication about money. Most couples the Kovars have counseled have a form of “financial infidelity” where they have hidden accounts or fail to tell their spouse about their spending. The Kovars review the five money personalities — saver, spender, risk taker, security seeker, and flyer. They explain how to be more content with financial situation and trust God for the future. They share how couples can get on the same page, financially, through a “money dump” — a once per year discussion of money fears and dreams, and through a “money huddle,” where couples do a monthly assessment of their financial situation.

#### **F. Media Choices for Children:**

**“Focus on the Family”** – Broadcast on January 24, 7-7:30 AM: Becoming Screen Savvy as a Family. What we consume entertainment-wise shapes who we are and what we believe. On this one-day Focus on the Family broadcast, Adam Holz and Paul Asay from Focus on the Family’s Plugged-In team equips you to guide your family to make healthy media choices. They explain what the Bible says about entertainment and how to engage with and teach your kids discernment when it comes to what they are watching and playing. It’s a great conversation you won’t want to miss!

#### **G. Religious Education:**

**“FaithTalk Today”**— Broadcast on January 21, 12-12:15 PM: On today’s episode, Rick Probst sits down with Dr. James Saxon, the director of evangelism and adult bible classes at The Church of The Apostles right here in Atlanta, GA. The two discuss what evangelism looks like in the context of a local church, as well as invite listeners to the Life Imprint Dinner, happening at The Church of The Apostles on Friday, January 26th at 6:30pm.

## **H. Leadership:**

**“FaithTalk Today”**— Broadcast on February 4, 12-12:15 PM: On this episode of FaithTalk Today, Rick Probst is joined once again by Dr. Paul Cannings, host of "Power Walk Ministries" and pastor of Living Word Fellowship Church in Houston, Texas. Dr. Cannings extends an invitation to all listening pastors or ministry teams to the Recalculate Leadership Conference at Cedine Ministries coming up on February 29th through March 2nd. Rick Probst and Dr. Cannings discuss the need to continually grow as a leader and minister of a local church body, as well as how to stay inspired and vigilant in an ever-shifting cultural landscape.

## **I. Humanitarian Aid:**

**“FaithTalk Today”**— Broadcast on March 24, 12-12:15 PM: Brant Hansen from CURE International joins Rick Probst on this episode of FaithTalk Today. CURE International is a global nonprofit network of children’s hospitals providing surgical care in a compassionate, gospel-centered environment. Services are provided at no cost to families because of the generosity of donors.