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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to WCRR, MANISTIQUE, MI, 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
Disabilities – Community	Closer Look	10/11/20	7:00pm	16min	<p>Special Needs Families Get 'Buddy Breaks' With Nathaniel's Hope</p> <p>Special Needs families frequently suffer isolation. Nathaniel's Hope trains churches to provide respite care. Volunteers learn to do crafts and play games with the children for 3-hour blocks of time. "There's no better cup of cold water you can give to a family impacted by disability than a break," says NH and Buddy Break co-founder Marie Kuck. It starts, she says, with having a willing heart. "Tear down those walls and build friendships." Monika Kelly reports.</p> <p>RELATED LINKS: Nathaniel's Hope - Buddy Breaks Nathaniel's Hope - VIP Birthday Club</p>
Human Trafficking	Closer Look	10/11/20	7:16pm	14min	<p>'Without Permission' Educates Parents and Police on Human Trafficking</p> <p>Your teen meets a nice stranger at the mall. Or a guy she doesn't know likes all her posts on Instagram. What begins as flattery and flirtation has led thousands of kids -- kids just like yours -- down the dark and demeaning path to human trafficking. Groups like Without Permission urge parents to warn their teens about the tricks child predators use to trap victims. Kindra Ponzio talks with CEO Debbie Johnson, CEO of Without Permission. 1509 K St, Modesto, CA 95354 209.622.0156</p> <p>Related Links: Without Permission provides a free guide for families to become aware of dangers and to be safe 'digital citizens.'</p>
Education	Closer Look	10/18/20	7:00pm	29min	<p>SCHOOL-AT-HOME: Advice for Distance Learning, Homeschooling</p> <p>Socially distanced schooling in the age of COVID-19 has been bumpy for parents who feel inadequate as teachers. For some families, the shutdown drove disillusionment with public school curriculum, prompting a leap to homeschooling. Whether you homeschool or embrace distance learning, experts insist that school-at-home can indeed work for you. Billie Branham reports. Guests: "Keeping it simple" is key says Arlene Pellicane, mom, author and host of Accessmore podcast A Happy Home. "Master the basics. Just focus on like two things that would help this distance learning thing work." As homeschoolers, parents take full responsibility for what their children learn, a method mentor and coach Kayla Weller finds effective, flexible and fun. "You can teach them what they're interested in and there's no set rules for how to teach," and "you would be surprised how much kids absorb when you take the time work with them."</p>

Charity	Closer Look	10/25/20	7:00pm	29min	<p>2020 'Convoy of Hope' Hauls Relief to Storm, Fire and Virus Victims</p> <p>Closer Look update on our ministry partner! When disaster strikes, CONVOY OF HOPE big rigs show up, hauling so much more than tarps, lumber, bottled water and food. "It's starts with food but ends with Jesus," says COH spokesperson Jeff Nene. "Everywhere they go they just bring encouragement." Record storms, fires and floods kept Convoy of Hope busy this year and added to all that they're feeding millions of families hit by the pandemic! Marya Morgan reports.</p> <p>RELATED LINKS: Convoy of Hope https://www.klove.com/news/faith/convoy-of-hope-serves-10-million-meals-but-won-t-stop-there-12151</p>
Community	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 6.30min	<p>#LoveThe760: Ensuring Vulnerable Kids Get Good Food During the Summer</p> <p>The overall theme for Venture Church nowadays is "Love the 760," branded as #LoveThe760 on social media. There are many elements to this project, which is named for the telephone area code 760 that's assigned to Encinitas, California and surrounding area. One example of how the church members have been blessing the community, on Fridays – before weekends began - church volunteers would drop off backpacks filled with food so the schools could distribute to children who were from "food insecure homes." Pastor Troy Martin shares that about 40 families were directly helped each weekend. And that was before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. "But once the pandemic hit, the numbers jumped to 220-plus families. Our church really rallied around it. People brought in donations. People helped pack, helped organize. People gave funds toward the project just to be a blessing and help people in their time of need." Pastor Troy wants the church to "live on mission to the community." He says it's not like, "Oh, we hope the community comes into our building as part of one of our services", but, no, we want to go and love the community and bless the community and really be Jesus to the community."</p>

Education – Faith	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 5.06min	<p>Children's Pastor Takes 'Mister Rogers Approach' Sharing Valuable Lessons During Pandemic</p> <p>As the COVID-19 pandemic arrived, Pastor Land decided to offer a video series, based on a Mister Rogers approach, to help children comprehend and cope with all the changes taking place. "So far, our messages have been about wearing masks and the importance of masks and why you shouldn't be afraid to wear the mask...and you can protect yourself from getting it." Land did another show about understanding illness. "We have a staff member who has cancer and so when the kids come back, I wanted them not to be afraid of her because she's lost her hair. Another show touched on wild weather. "We are in the Houston area, so we do have the threat of hurricanes [in 2017, Hurricane Harvey brought catastrophic flooding and damage to Houston]. And we've done another one about manners – honestly, we're just talking to kids about, you know, right now is a good time to home in on their manners. And when you use good manners, you're not just showing respect, you're also showing love and respect for God."</p>
Food Insecurity – Faith	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 13.02min	<p>'Hope for The City' – Church Led by Jud Wilhite Blesses Community Tremendously During Pandemic</p> <p>As the COVID pandemic affected more and more lives, Hope for the City, an outreach launched by Central Christian Church, became a critical conduit for vital food and other supplies to those in need city-wide in the Las Vegas area. Pastor Jud Wilhite shares that prior to the pandemic, the church was "blown away to realize we were the largest food pantry in our state - and when the pandemic hit, we served more food in the first two weeks than we did last year!" Wilhite credits God for everything Hope for the City has been able to do. "We started pop-up food distribution sites across elementary school parking lots – anybody that would take us." For people who may be discouraged over a job loss or just the pandemic restrictions causing depression, we asked if counseling help is available? "Absolutely! We have started a ministry that has really been powerful for us and I think made a huge difference in the lives of people. It's called 24 Hour Church." A person who needs an uplift, prayer or guidance can call or text 1-888-805-2778 day or night to speak with a volunteer. Pastor Wilhite says that number is getting calls from "people all over the world, now."</p>

Education	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 7.07min	<p>Here's Expert Encouraging Advice for Parents & Students Doing Virtual School from Home</p> <p>As millions of families enter the uncharted waters of virtual school from home, there is expert advice available. Dr. Kevin Corsini, the president of San Diego Christian College joins us to share tips that can make online studies more practical, while at the same time keeping home life balanced. Normally, "We have a natural boundary in place between work and family, and it's called the office, or it's called the school, where you go to a separate physical location." But Dr. Corsini emphasizes, "And that's gone... the refuge that we call home is also a classroom, is also the office and it's beginning to blur the lines" of what needs to be a home space or a work or school environment. "Not only that, but it's impacting the roles in the family. You know, one minute you have to be a father. The next minute you have to be a teacher. The next minute, you're putting on your professional hat as well – and throughout the day, that can be very challenging." There is also the factor of a student feeling marginalized. Many online courses are pre-recorded videos that can create a gap between the student and teacher/professor, and input and association with fellow classmates.</p>
Education	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 3.05min	<p>Dream Center Opens to Students Distance Learning</p> <p>Schools are closed in Los Angeles and working parents are running out of options in facilitating their childrens' learning. The Dream Center has opened up outside areas, where students can be dropped off and plugged into online, distance learning. It's more than just meeting the kids with laptops and helping them do their homework, it's about the relational things they need to survive during this time. Dream Center Founder, Matthew Barnett says students have a bit of fun as well. Students who are consistent and stay focused get special treats. Those who need extra help get one-on-one attention. Barnett says families are so thankful and he's overwhelmed by the positive response, "It's just a happy environment and I think right now that's what people need more than anything. Our children just need some joy in their life."</p>

Ministry – Law Enforcement	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 6.37min	<p>College Jail Ministry Team Goes To 'Plan B' Due to Pandemic</p> <p>Before the COVID-19 restrictions, students from Cedarville University were allowed to visit prisoners at the Greene County, Ohio, Jail. On Sunday mornings, "you get about an hour with the inmates...and you break into smaller groups...you just sit outside those cells and talk to them one-on-one...only separated by the bars." Anna Hurt, a junior social work major, says they were not allowed to bring in cellphones or anything else, "It was just us and them, and our Bibles." When asked if the jail atmosphere was intimidating at first, Anna replied, "myself and others were a little bit intimidated by the idea of it," but after her first visit, "I felt so comfortable in there and the interesting thing is, I found it a lot easier to share the Gospel in the jail than sometimes with some of my non-Christian friends..." But, for now, the in-person jail visits have stopped because of pandemic restrictions. The 'Plan B' is going to be a letter-writing outreach to the prisoners, hoping to keep some semblance of a one-on-one relationship, sharing friendship and the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.</p>
Natural Disaster	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 7.00min	<p>Louisiana Has Not Been Forgotten After Devastating Hurricanes – Convoy of Hope Continues Blessing</p> <p>Stacy Lamb, Convoy of Hope's Senior Director of Disaster Services, remains based in Lake Charles, Louisiana, one of the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Laura more than two weeks back. His boots-on-the-ground interview helps you understand just how serious the situation remains. For example, 90,000 people are still without power in the Lake Charles area alone. "Until the power comes back on, a lot of folks can't come back into the community. They can't work, which means people are not getting paid. There's still very widespread damage around here as well ... there's still a long road to recovery here," advises Lamb. Without power, there's no air conditioning, no fans – and with the temperatures still very summer-like and the humidity high, "mold is a big issue" with homes that have been damaged. Life is not easy. Convoy of Hope, a K-LOVE ministry partner, is working with area churches, "Our primary partner is the local church," says Lamb. Convoy's Louisiana base of operations is currently in a church parking lot. Lamb says, "we're praying with people and offering help wherever we can." That help? Significant. The Convoy team has already trucked in 1.5 million pounds of relief supplies which are being donated to those in need, absolutely free.</p>

Community	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 16.41min	<p>Kenosha: A City That Experienced Unrest, But God Is At Work</p> <p>Many cities have seen unrest and even violence due to issues with police and claims of racial bias. One of those communities is Kenosha, Wisconsin – just across the border from Chicagoland. There are clear signs God, through his people – ‘the church’ - is working to help the people of Kenosha. And, in reality, the plans were being laid well before the controversial incident where Jacob Blake was shot in August. “Several years ago, we had an event in our community that was really a turning point for us,” explains Pastor Bob Griffith. “We pulled together 30 different churches to try to help our community that needed food and services – and that was a very powerful event. It was a moment when we realized that if we work together and leverage the power of unity that we can be do much more for the glory of God than we could ever do alone.” With that initial project, “we gave away thousands of pounds of food and resources and medical and dental services, and people wanted to know what we were going to do next.” One Kenosha city leader even told Pastor Griffith, “This could be a model of how our community works together in the future.” In time, the community coalition became known as “1HOPE.” Pastor Griffith is the founder of 1HOPE, a volunteer role, alongside his ministry position as executive pastor of the multi-campus Journey Church. Today, the 1HOPE foundational layer gives Kenosha a spiritual and practical undergirding to cope with the unrest and uncertainty.</p>
Natural Disaster	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 10.09min	<p>California Pastor Encourages Wildfire Victims</p> <p>Pastor Greg Kilgore, along with his church, is making a difference for those affected by the California wildfires. The members of the First Baptist Church of Oakhurst, California stepped up to help even after some of the members had been evacuated from their own homes. "We put the meals together and we loaded them up in our vehicles and took them out to distribute," Pastor Greg said. The pastor has been volunteering at the local Red Cross shelter as well, checking in evacuees and looking for opportunities to serve wherever he can. One of the best things? "Being able to pray with a gentleman who...lost everything. It's devastating. Just being able to share the hope of Christ with him, the gospel with him, has been an encouragement to our church." Pastor Greg said. Pastor Greg reminds us to keep our neighbors in mind even after the fires are out. "There's still a lot of stress and a lot of anxiety from loss or what the next disaster might be."</p>

Natural Disaster	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 27.10min	'Last Mile of Need' Outreach Offers Hope to Those In Need A faith-based outreach is helping struggling families when they need it most, with what's called the 'Last Mile of Need.' Crissy Cochran is Director of Public Relations at CityServe and says, their mission is to equip and empower the local church to live out the Gospel of Jesus in the neighborhood. "We know that there are so many areas of hurting people. There's the fatherless and the addicted and the hungry and the homeless," says Cochran. She's helping mobilize local churches to be, "the hands and feet of Jesus in the neighborhood," and able to "serve all types of people in whatever area they're hurting.
Community	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 2.13min	Massive City-Wide Volunteer Event Changes Lives Pastor Jeff Pishney says more than 3,000 volunteers came out for the one-day event called, "Love Modesto". "It was a special, special day. It was something that our community needed." Businesses, organizations and local churches also participated in the more than 50 projects that included sprucing up parks and nursing homes.
Mental Health	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 2.13min	'Drive Your Tractor to Church' - Midwest Farmers Share Fears, Get Encouraged, By Faith Outreach It's not unusual to see a parking lot full of farm tractors at Middlebury Community Church of the Nazarene in northern Indiana. The town of Middlebury has a population of not quite 4,000 – and there are many farms in the surrounding area. The "Drive Your Tractor to Church" event held each year by the church team honors farming as a very essential and noble field of employment. Pastor Gary Sheets sees to it the farm families are welcomed, prayed for, well fed - and their tractors, which represent the farm family income, are prayed over, blessed. Farming can be tough – and, at times, some farmers even consider taking their own lives After one Sunday sermon that specifically talked about a spike in suicides among farmers, especially dairy farmers, nationally, a number of farmers privately shared with the pastor they've had major concerns about losing their farms... and some have had dark, disturbing thoughts that have rattled their mental health. Pastor Gary responded with encouragement from the Bible. He reminds farm families, "our value is found in Jesus Christ" not what our land or farm looks like. Pastor Gary said he preached "right out of the bottom of my broken heart." There's also been an outreach called "Truckers Bobtail Cruise-In," where those who drive 18-wheelers are saluted for their essential work – and also receive needed prayer and encouragement. These over-the-road drivers are often away from their families weeks at a time. "We have found that these truck drivers deal with loneliness a lot," explains Pastor Gary.

Education	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 17.48min	<p>Volunteer Military Are Tutoring Struggling Students: Youth for Christ Makes A Difference</p> <p>As a substitute teacher at a school that serves military families, Chris Martin sees firsthand that some students lack reading and math skills. Chris is Campus Life Military Director with Youth for Christ. As a military veteran himself, Chris shares, "The thing that I do know is that we have military personnel who have helped with Christ-centered programs all over the world." These men and women, who get transferred every few years, are often eager to find a way to serve in the local base community. And MacArthur Middle School at Fort Meade, Maryland, is the first school to benefit from the tutoring program, which is supported by Youth for Christ. Students in grades 6, 7, & 8 can get tutoring and encouragement from those who also serve in the Armed Forces. During break times, the tutors and students can talk about life issues, things the kids are struggling with. Chris says a frequent finding is "there is no male leader in the home," a gap that can have considerable negative side effects. "And they're looking for somebody to speak into their lives." Other troubles include bullying, along with the various temptations most all teens and pre-teens face in today's culture. Complicating things, COVID-19 restrictions have made a lot of the contact virtual, but Chris and other team members are doing their best to keep relationships moving in a positive direction.</p>
Education	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	October 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 10.34min	<p>Christian Mom Called to Unusual Mission Field</p> <p>When Abigail Walker and her husband found out their 11-month-old daughter Esther had leukemia...the reaction was understandable. "Just tears and crying out to God and saying 'God, I can't handle this. I'm not strong enough for this.' And from the very beginning, I just felt God so strongly saying 'You're not strong enough, but I am strong enough,'" Abigail shared with us. Feeling motivated, she's taken the opportunity to encourage other families in what has become an unexpected very personal ministry at the Ohio hospital cancer treatment center. "It's been a really strange privilege to be able to be in this mission field, to be with people who might not necessarily know God, who might not be prayed for the way that I know Esther is," Walker said. "Knowing the names of the kids and knowing their faces and being able to go through and pray for them and feel that peace. ... I don't know if there's Christians actively praying for them or not, but I know I can [pray for them]. So even if that's all that I do, it's one of those things that makes it bearable." Abigail has even written a book sharing her experiences and God's faithfulness: "Suffering, Endurance, Character & Hope: A Story of Pediatric Cancer and a Mother's Love."</p>

Government	Closer Look	11/1/20	7:00pm	28min	<p>Electoral College, President's Term: What Does the U.S. Constitution Say?</p> <p>What does the U.S. Constitution say about elections? The electoral college? What are the legal limits on presidential duties? Marya Morgan talks with Katie Kennedy, a retired American government teacher and author of the illustrated children's book <i>The Constitution Decoded</i>. "If we don't know what the Constitution says, we can't preserve our government."</p> <p>RELATED LINKS:</p> <p>U.S. Constitution - National Archives (official)</p>
Healthcare	Closer Look	11/8/20	7:00pm	28min	<p>'Rest' Is More Than Sleep – What Kind of Tired Are You?</p> <p>Rest is the root of the word 'restoration' – and restoration is a principle that medical internist Dr. Saundra Dalton-Smith sees as crucial to seven distinct areas of your life. "Rest isn't just the cessation of activity," she says, suggesting that for optimal health "you have to get to the point of knowing what restores you. What fills you back up?" 7 types of Rest: Physical, Mental, Emotional, Spiritual, Social, Sensory and Creative.</p> <p>Related Links:</p> <p>Dr. Saundra Dalton-Smith - REST QUIZ - What Kind of Rest Do You Need?</p>
Mental Health – Veterans	Closer Look	11/15/20	7:00pm	30min	<p>Arts & Crafts Ease PTSD In Veterans</p> <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.</p> <p>If you have hearing loss, call TTY: 800-799-4889.</p> <p>PTSD Foundation of America works to free veterans of debilitating anguish that can lead to a breakdown in mental health. Bob Dittman talks with Ryan Rogers about healing from the 'moral injury' of combat. Peer-to-peer Warrior Groups are available in cities nationwide.</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 its start in WWI and has been used by clinicians in every conflict throughout." Bob Dittman reports.</p>

Addiction	Closer Look	11/22/20	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>
Charity	Closer Look	11/29/20	7:00pm	29min	<p>2020 'Convoy of Hope' Hauls Relief to Storm, Fire and Virus Victims. Closer Look update on our ministry partner! When disaster strikes, CONVOY OF HOPE big rigs show up, hauling so much more than tarps, lumber, bottled water and food. "It's starts with food but ends with Jesus," says COH spokesperson Jeff Nene. "Everywhere they go they just bring encouragement." Record storms, fires and floods kept Convoy of Hope busy this year and added to all that, they're feeding millions of families hit by the pandemic! Marya Morgan reports.</p> <p>RELATED LINKS:</p> <p>Convoy of Hope</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/faith/convoy-of-hope-serves-10-million-meals-but-won-t-stop-there-12151</p>
Law Enforcement – Family Issues	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov. 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 8.37min	<p>Prison Fellowship Helps Families Encourage Incarcerated Loved Ones with Messages, Photos</p> <p>The creator of Flikshop learned about the tremendous need and got a brilliant idea from very personal experience. Marcus Bullock was once a prisoner himself. While behind bars, his mother sent him a picture and a note every day. Realizing the encouragement the daily notes gave him - once he was freed - Marcus created the Flikshop app. "It essentially allows you to upload pictures and messages to your loved ones in just a few clicks," says Heather Rice-Minus, Vice President of Government Affairs & Church Mobilization at Prison Fellowship.</p>

Holidays	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 6.28min	<p>Some Students Couldn't Go Home for Thanksgiving: Professor's Sweet Offer Touches Many Hearts</p> <p>It started as a low-key email sent to students in her classes. University of Iowa Communications Professor Elizabeth Pearce said she would be glad to make a homemade Thanksgiving dinner for any students staying behind, not going home for the holiday, because of COVID-19 quarantine or other reasons. "Liz" even offered to make a no-contact meal door drop to be sure her students didn't feel alone on Thanksgiving. One student was so incredibly touched by the teacher's kind offer that she shared about it on Twitter. It didn't take long for the tweet to be retweeted and reach close to a million people nationwide! We invite you to take part in this encouraging Thanksgiving story by listening to our full interview with Professor Pearce on the podcast.</p>
Education	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 6.17min	<p>He Had COVID, Now Adam Clouse Donates Powerful Blood Plasma to Help Others</p> <p>For years Adam Clouse has been a faithful blood donor. "I gave last week for the 27th time." But these days what's in his blood is even more important for saving lives. "I tested positive for COVID-19 in mid-August." Adam lost his sense of smell & taste for a while, but really wasn't hit all that hard by the virus. But his COVID experience is now proving very valuable for others. "So, what the plasma does, is it has antibodies and so when folks come into a hospital setting, they will give them my antibodies with blood to fight off the virus." Every time Adam donates plasma, it helps 4 people – and so far, 16 people in the Dayton, Ohio area have been blessed by Adam's willingness to continue donating. Adam, an active Christian, says that taking an hour of his time to donate is no bother – and well worth it to help others.</p>

Holiday	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 10.10min	<p>Very Thankful This Thanksgiving – College Professor Gets Relief from Debilitating Disease</p> <p>In 2012, Bill Ragle noticed some unusual things going on with his health. After a physical exam and bloodwork, he asked his family doctor, "What about this twitch?" Bill says the doctor seemed to react with a bit of alarm. Performing some basic tests, the doctor made a tentative diagnosis of Parkinson's disease. In short, it's a brain disorder that can cause shaking, difficulty walking, stiffness, and coordination issues. Bill Ragle is among a select group of patients who have been treated with a relatively new procedure that can often bring significant relief. After the diagnosis, it wasn't long before Bill's health started going downhill "pretty dramatically and pretty quickly." A committed Christian, Bill, who is Professor of Finance at Ohio's Cedarville University, explains he had many talks with God about his circumstances. And he concluded God would do one of two things. "God can heal me. I know he can do that. I've seen him do that with other people, so why not me?" The other way would be: God allowing him to go through the ailment but staying close. "God doesn't always heal our diseases. He frequently uses our diseased state – or whatever other troubles we might have in life – to get us trusting more so that the watching world can see that and then (think), 'Wow, that's some God he has because look at the way he's going through these difficult times!'" Either way, Bill says God will get the glory. Just recently, after much prayer about the pros and cons, Bill was approved for a medical treatment called Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS), where small holes are drilled into his skull and electrodes are placed deep in his brain. This is a delicate operation. "They've got about a millimeter of room for error in there." The operation at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center was successful. Now a battery pack consistently sends 1.6 volts of electrical charge directly to his brain.</p>
Holiday	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 15.33min	<p>Family Raises Awareness of Down Syndrome, Encourages Families</p> <p>A special little girl from Washington State is making a big difference in helping others understand people just like her. Arianna Graham has Down Syndrome. Her mother Andrea says, despite her different ability, Ariana is very much like other kids her age. Arianna is just 6-year's old, but at her tender age, she's doing some amazing things. So far, she's become an ambassador for Nothing Down, a national advocacy group for Down Syndrome. She's also appeared on a billboard in New York City Times Square for the National Down Syndrome Society. She's even featured in a children's book called "I am Arianna," with the goal of showing the world that she is more alike than different.</p>

Ministry	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov – Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 10.29min	<p>Discovering He's on The Autism Spectrum, Pastor Jim Is Now Helping Others with Special Needs</p> <p>Pastor Jim McCaffrey was struggling with life issues that didn't make much sense - job losses, relational and social road bumps. "Early on, I always struggled with being able to keep a job, was horrible with interviews especially, just could never get the right words and things out to make a good interview or impression during an interview. So, ministry jobs, just regular employment, all those kinds of things were very difficult. Relationships-wise, it was hard making friends, understanding people, different things like that. At age 35, he knew he had to understand what he was dealing with. Then there was a revelation. It took time and considerable research, but Jim was diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum. And that has opened the door to beneficial workarounds and has even led to new forms of ministry to help others.</p>
Entertainment	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov – Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 9.44min	<p>Cooking with Brenda Gantt – With Moments of Family, Fun & Faith, Too</p> <p>Brenda Gantt is honestly surprised - and very thankful for what God is doing in her life. When a 'how to make homemade biscuits' video unexpectedly went viral, it was the start of a new chapter in her life, at age 73. Months later, Brenda has well over a million people following her on Facebook, where she offers a cooking show featuring recipes that often involve scrumptious Southern cooking. After all, Brenda and her family are in Andalusia, Alabama, a town of 8,700 just above the Florida Panhandle. Brenda's soft-spoken cooking coaching offers step-by-step instructions to create fascinating dishes like: Banana Split Without a Banana, Old Time Chocolate Gravy, Rolled Chicken, and Cracklin' Cornbread. Instead of fancy cookware, you see the skillets and utensils average people might have in their kitchen. And as Brenda stands over the stove keeping an eye on her food project, she will share things on her mind – maybe about her family or someone she met, and she often shares about her faith in Jesus. No sermons, just talking from her heart.</p>

Education	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Nov – Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 13.20min	<p>Biblical Principles from David & Goliath Help Kids Beat 'Giants' in Their Own Lives</p> <p>Louie Giglio is a respected pastor, author, speaker, and founder of the Passion Global Institute. In his years of service to the family of Christ, he has been a visionary, leader, and teacher. Lately, one of his concerns is about boys and girls in the tender and formative pre-teen years – especially with all the unanticipated life changes that 2020 brought. In response, Pastor Louie's book, <i>Goliath Must Fall for Young Readers: Winning the Battle Against Your Giants</i>, can provide children, as well as moms and dads, with encouragement straight from the Bible, and plenty of topics to talk about in a family setting. He uses the Bible's perfect example of David's stubborn faith and courage in responding to the gargantuan Philistine warrior Goliath. Pastor Louie points to challenges and distractions in our own lives that we may perceive as giants, or at least a lot bigger than we can tackle on our own.</p>
Mental Health	Closer Look	12/6/20	7:00pm	15min	<p>It Doesn't Have to End This Way: Suicide Prevention</p> <p>If someone decides to end their own life, you may never fully understand why. "But you can imagine how much psychological pain that person had to be in," says Pat Gallinagh of Range Suicide Prevention Council. But it doesn't have to end that way. Suicide can be prevented. Talking is where it starts. "Say, 'yeah we see you're hurting, you're in a lot of pain' -- and let them know that help is available." Hear Becky Hansen talk with Gallinagh about suicide warning signs, help and hope. CALL THE NAT'L SUICIDE HOTLINE 1-800-273 TALK (8255). Sometimes no matter how hard you try...it's all just 'too much'. And that's okay. If you or someone you know is thinking of suicide...call the national hotline. TALK. You are loved. Or call the our Pastors: 1-844-364-HOPE (4673).</p>
Mental Health	Closer Look	12/6/20	7:15pm	14min	<p>Build 'Emotional Resilience' To Cope with Disasters</p> <p>Trauma can settle into your mind and affect your conscious or subconscious no matter who you are -- or how strong you think you 'should' be. Monika Kelly talks with Jamie Aten, founder of the Humanitarian Disaster Institute which studies mental and emotional reactions to disasters and offers training for Christian leaders preparing to weather societal storms.</p> <p>Related Links:</p> <p>Humanitarian Disaster Institute - Wheaton College, IL</p> <p>Reopening the Church (HDI)</p> <p>Spiritual First Aid Hub (HDI)</p>

Mental Health	Closer Look	12/13/20	7:00pm	28min	<p>Help for Kids Suffering Sadness, Anxiety in Pandemic</p> <p>The digital age exposes modern kids to bad news and bitter opinions their parents never knew. “Social media, media, news, political unrest, all these things that once kids were mostly sheltered from – now they’re seeing them 24 hours a day,” notes Julie Lowe, licensed counselor and author of <i>Childproof and Building Bridges: Biblical Counseling for Children and Teens</i>. The barrage of mystifying information crowds into their minds alongside the other considerable pressures of growing up. This overload can drive kids into dangerous states of anxiety or depression. Suicides among young children have been steadily rising the last decade. Child mental health experts urge parents to look for signs your child is struggling to process the tension and uncertainty of current events “We have to look at their behavior and figure out what’s going on with them,” McCombs warns. “They show it in isolation, in being irritable, they have meltdowns; they’re crying, they’re angry, they tend to be more selfish; they tend to try to control things around them because so many things in their lives are out of control.” Shifts in behavior or intensity of that behavior are indicators they may be overwhelmed. “Parents need to be students of their kids, they need to understand them, listen to them and acknowledge their loss.”</p>
Domestic Abuse	Closer Look	12/20/20	7:00pm	29min	<p>Quarantine Drives Spike in Domestic Abuse</p> <p>Physical bruises are only small part of what some women and men suffer, says Annette Oltmans of The MEND Project, which brings awareness to what she calls ‘covert emotional abuse.’ “Victims begin questioning reality and their own sanity,” she explains, herself a survivor of domestic abuse – and a Christian – who knows firsthand what’s it like to ‘live it.’ Pastor Paul Cole, president of the Christian Men’s Network, has been deeply concerned by the quarantine effect on families already stuffed in a pressure cooker of unhealthy reactions. “A lot of times, we as men act out of anger, rage, disappointment – and we lash out at people,” he says, and urges men in this trap to reach out for help. Billie Branham reports.</p> <p>RELATED LINKS:</p> <p>The National Domestic Abuse Hotline 1-800-799-7233 https://www.thehotline.org/</p> <p>The MEND Project - Educate. Equip. Restore</p> <p>Christian Men's Network</p> <p>Advice for Men: New Surge of Domestic Violence and How to Stop it – by Pastor Paul Cole</p> <p>YOU ARE NOT ALONE. If your partner physically or emotional abuses you -- or you don’t know how to stop hurting your family... Call the CLOSER LOOK PASTORS (844) 364 4673 (HOPE).</p>

Special Needs	Closer Look	12/27/20	7:00pm	16min	<p>Special Needs Families Get 'Buddy Breaks' With Nathaniel's Hope</p> <p>Special Needs families frequently suffer isolation. Nathaniel's Hope trains churches to provide respite care. Volunteers learn to do crafts and play games with the children for 3-hour blocks of time. "There's no better cup of cold water you can give to a family impacted by disability than a break," says NH and Buddy Break co-founder Marie Kuck. It starts, she says, with having a willing heart. "Tear down those walls and build friendships." Monika Kelly reports.</p> <p>RELATED LINKS: Nathaniel's Hope - Buddy Breaks Nathaniel's Hope - VIP Birthday Club</p>
Mental Health	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 12.38min	<p>Worship Leader Shares Deep Concerns About U.S. Pastors' Mental Health, Especially During Pandemic</p> <p>Cody Barnhart is director of music and ministry at First Baptist Church in Alcoa, Tennessee. As we share this story, you may sense that he has wisdom beyond-his-years when it comes to troublesome issues that often haunt pastors, even veteran pastors. But this is not a story of discouragement - stay with us. Cody explains he "grew up with a lot of anxiety issues and depression as a teenager," which persisted during his time in seminary. He eventually realized how much this had impacted him. "Since it had affected me so personally, I've been pretty passionate about shedding light on how deep that issue runs in the church." He recently wrote a first-person article published online by Baptist Press that spoke of the mental health risks that can tag even a servant of God. Sadly, there have been as a number of cases where pastors have apparently taken their own lives, including one pastor who had even led a mental health advocacy group. Join our conversation in this podcast as Cody lays out the dark threats often circling pastors and suggests practical ways to encourage church leaders.</p>
Education – Pandemic	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 6.22min	<p>Pandemic Takes Creative Teaching to A New Level with Daily Character Videos</p> <p>Yoda teaching English grammar? Mixed up idea, it is. Unless you're Cedarville University alumna Heidi Bruder trying to spice up language arts for her suddenly online fifth through seventh graders at Calvary Christian Academy in West Branch, Michigan. Then it's an idea that would make a Jedi master proud. Bruder usually teaches a very interactive class, so this March when students switched to online learning, she was at a loss for what to do. "Switching to online learning was heartbreaking for me," explained Bruder. "It was hard for me to want to make the videos and teach the lessons because everything I loved about teaching, I felt was being stripped away. But I was convicted by what I tell my kids all the time: Whatever you do, do it for the Lord."</p>

Faith	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 10.37min	<p>As 2020 Fades into History, the 'Bible Verse Of The Year' Rings True</p> <p>2020 was a hard year. And it's encouraging that many found hope and comfort in the Bible. Pastor Bobby Gruenewald, with Life.Church, founded the YouVersion Bible App, which has been downloaded by 450-million people worldwide and remains free-of-charge. "The most read verse this year in the YouVersion Bible app is Isaiah 41:10, which is 'Don't be afraid for I am with you. Don't be discouraged for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.' And so, I feel like it's really appropriate verse for this year. Of course, we didn't pick it. It was really just the verse that really resonated the most based on what people were sharing and bookmarking and highlighting the most in 2020." As other events made headlines during the year, trending searches looked for God's guidance about justice, peace, and healing. We invite you to take part in our full interview below with Pastor Bobby and learn all the elements available via YouVersion and some of the brand-new features that have been added.</p>
Homelessness – Faith	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 2.33min	<p>'Rolling Church' Comes to The Homeless</p> <p>When a Birmingham, Alabama pastor asked his homeless friends to come to church, they said no. So, he did the next best thing and took the church to them. Each Sunday morning, a church literally 'rolls-up' into a parking lot to share breakfast together with the homeless, to talk with them about their problems, but most importantly, to share with them the goodness of Christ. Pastor Akins admits the first time they pulled up to the parking lot, no one showed. Then a couple showed up and wound up giving them all the food that day to share with their friends. Then after weeks of trying, people from all walks of life began to stop by. And while feeding the people is his goal, Akins says Jesus is what brings the people together. He believes one of the most intimate things one can do is break bread with someone else. He says, "you see Jesus do that all in the New Testament and so it's like, man, just come share a meal." Today, more than 200 show up every Sunday and more than 10,000 meals have been served to those who are hungry. They've even added a mobile baptistry for those who want to commit to Christ.</p>
Therapy	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 17.49min	<p>Physical Therapist Knows Kids' Lives Improve on Horseback</p> <p>For people – especially children - who are coping with physical or emotional challenges, horses may be able to work wonders. It's said that horses have a different perception about people - they don't necessarily react to a person's physical appearance or their limitations. So, you might say, horses are not judgmental, as some human beings can be. One outreach with specialized equine therapy is called "Ride to Walk," located in Lincoln, California. They see definite results.</p>

Education	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 2.15min	<p>Teacher's Creative Ways Inspires Kids To Aim High</p> <p>An elementary school teacher has taken a unique approach to helping her students think BIG about their future. Jackie Branham is a teacher at William Wells Brown Elementary in Lexington, Kentucky. She wanted to help her students see the many possibilities out there once they graduated from school. So, she put together a special career day, hoping to get students excited about their future. Branham invited police officers, nurses, food experts, an exterminator and even a veterinary pathologist with creep-crawlies to come and show the kids what they do for a living. She wanted the kids to have a hands-on experience and get to talk experts who could inspire them to believe in themselves. Ms. Branham feels blessed and believes God put her in this place for a reason. She says she loves her students and hopes to see them come back some day to career day and be the presenters.</p>
Athletics	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 6.24min	<p>Soccer, Outreach and Jesus</p> <p>Jamie Howard Levoy, a Sacramento, California-area wife and mom, has been playing soccer since she was a little girl. She grew up to coach the sport at William Jessup University, a Christian college in Rocklin, California, but could have never imagine what was in her future. Jamie's good friend and soccer mentor, Jerry Zanelli, passed away in 2018. He left her the one thing he valued most--the women's soccer team he owned and coached, the California Storm. Jamie, a faithful Christian, brought her brand of order to the team. She wanted structure, additional practices, more resources and creative outreach ideas. Season kickoff parties, community involvement and intense practices became the new norm. Jamie says her faith is a big part of why she does what she does. "God's played a major role in athletics. I feel that you can reach a lot of people through sports. For me, it's about trying to teach them about having confidence and just different life lessons."</p>

Faith - Ministry	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 15.31min	<p>Promise Keepers Comeback, Calling Men to A Major Event</p> <p>Promise Keepers was launched in 1990 by Bill McCartney, then the head football coach at the University of Colorado/Boulder. For a number of years, the group held successful national and regional events to encourage men to honor Christ and become godly leaders in their families and community. But over time, the operations of Promise Keepers dwindled. Today the organization is led by Ken Harrison, who is in the process of revitalizing the once large and very popular ministry. Women have always played a critical role alongside Promise Keepers. Harrison noting, "40% of the tickets (to events) sold in the 90s were to women, to send their husbands, boyfriends and sons," wanting them to grow in Christ and their leadership or role in the family and society. Harrison says he's getting hundreds of emails, especially from women, "who are saying 'we're so grateful that you're bringing this back. I so want to see my husband fall in love with Jesus.'" Other emails express concerns such as someone worrying about their children or sincere hopes their daughter will marry a man who loves God. And all that falls directly into Promise Keepers' biblical wheelhouse.</p>
Community	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 9.39min	<p>The Turquoise Table – Meeting People 'Offline'</p> <p>Many of us live in a neighborhood full of complete strangers. Kristin Schell, an Austin mom, was frustrated. She was frustrated with not being present, with having a hectic life and with not knowing her neighbors. When a delivery man left a heavy picnic table in her Texas front yard, Kristin says she had an "ah-ha" moment. What if she left the table right where it was, painted it turquoise and built community with her neighbors, one connection at a time? Kristin says within several minutes of sitting outside on her new table, a neighbor who had lived down the street for 20 years stopped by just to say hi. The two had never crossed paths, even though Kristin and her husband had lived on the same street for the past decade! Since then, the turquoise table has served as a beacon of hospitality—neighbors have gathered for impromptu supper parties, Operation Christmas Child packing parties, and quick cups of coffee. Jesus reminds us to "love your neighbor" and Kristin has seen this play out in a variety of ways over the past 5 years. In one instance, she was able to care for her neighbor's dog and notify her children that her mom had to be taken to the hospital. Kristin believes this is what God has called her to do. Kristin has since written The Turquoise Table: Finding Community and Connection in Your Own FrontYard. What started out as a simple idea has turned global, with turquoise picnic tables all over the country and even internationally. For more information about how you can love your own neighbors, visit Kristin's website at http://www.kristinschell.com/the-turquoise-table/.</p>

Healthcare – Technology	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 5.46min	<p>A High-Tech Blessing, With Love</p> <p>Hope was born in China, without a complete left arm. She got by okay but tended to hide her arm when out in public. Eventually, life changed for her in two big ways. Hope was adopted by an American family and then, at age seven, loving hearts and technology combined to help complete that left arm! “Our mission is not just to provide a service, it’s to create a friendship built on trust and an understanding that our Lord came and healed the sick and disabled out of love – and that we happily follow His example!”. Connor Hart – then a high school sophomore - was learning about prosthetics made by way of a 3D printer. He heard about little Hope, who lived in his region of Ohio. In time, Hope was presented with a custom-crafted printed arm, free of charge. It was life-changing! After seeing how the printed arm made such a difference in Hope’s life, Connor eventually helped create a non-profit called Hands of Hope (note the word Hope). The organization provides no-cost prosthetics – and they faithfully encourage those they help.</p>
Faith – Military	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 7.38min	<p>Mission to Encourage Kids in Military Families – And to Guide Them To Jesus</p> <p>It’s no secret that military service involves sacrifice and adaptability. In times of war, soldiers know they may even be required to make the ultimate sacrifice. At another level, military families face situations most other families don’t. For example, the majority of military families move every two-to-three years. For children, this could mean moving up to six times by the formative age of 12! That’s a lot of change: new schools, making new friends, losing old friends, and learning how a new unknown community works. To come alongside the millions of children whose parent (or parents) serve, the American Bible Society’s specialized branch, Armed Services Ministry, has launched “Hero Squad.” The creative concept offers a welcome box to select families, and then four seasonal gift packages for children during the year. “Hero Squad reminds military children that they aren’t alone. It teaches that—no matter how scary or hard it is to be in a new place or separated from a parent—God will be there to help them,” shares Gordon Groseclose, a retired Army chaplain and leader of Armed Services Ministry.</p>

Faith	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 9.36	His Challenge: Answering Kids' Tough Questions Like "Who Made God?" "If God made us...who made God?" That's one example of the many questions Dr. Kevin Jones has been tasked with answering. The questions come from kids and the response needs to be age-appropriate for children in elementary school. The kids' curiosity about faith is part of a three-year video mission for LifeWay's "The Gospel Project," a curriculum used by many churches and Christian schools. Dr. Jones comes well qualified. He's dean and assistant professor of education at Cedarville University and also has a background in elementary education. Filming for the 108 videos is taking place at the university's Ohio campus. Dr. Jones tells us he is very deliberate about his approach to responding to a kid's question. "What does the Bible say about this question? Because the Bible is our final authority, right? Because what the kid doesn't need is my thoughts." When we asked him about children asking pretty bold and direct questions, Dr. Jones smiled and said, "Yes, that's the beauty!" He believes kids usually have a "heart posture...of pureness and sincerity" when they ask honest questions.
Ministry	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Dec 2020	4 per wk, 16 total	60sec Podcast 14.00	<p>Luke Barnett Survives An 8,000-Pound Boulder Hit - And God Blesses His Mission</p> <p>In late October, Pastor Luke Barnett was on an 800-mile hike along the Arizona Trail with his daughter, Annalee. They were on the long trek to raise awareness and funding for a Dream Center project in Colorado City, once home to an infamous polygamous leader. Just past 500 miles into the hike, Luke and Annalee climbed down at a tricky point on the trail and saw a boulder start to move! Luke immediately went into dad mode and pushed his daughter out of the way, "thinking I could get out of the way as well, but it caught me." The boulder, estimated to weigh 8,000 pounds, "rolled me for about 15, 20 feet [headfirst]," but then, "it teetered upon a rock, somehow miraculously, so my daughter could pull me out." The pummeling rockslide caused major injuries. "I broke my femur, I broke my hip, I broke my forearm, three ribs and lots of stitches and bandages along the way. I'm not that type of a person who looks for a demon (slight laugh) behind every rock ... I know that sometimes life happens, but I do also believe that we were in a spiritual battle, we're battling for a whole city up in Colorado City trying to bring refuge and jobs and hope for a city. I do know the enemy would like nothing more than to sideline us and keep us from doing that." The church is also active in battling human trafficking. Incredibly, the boulder onslaught did not derail the Barnetts' mission. All the media attention to the close brush with death led to massive interest in the Short Creek Dream Center and saw \$2,000,000 raised...instead of the hoped for \$1,000,000!</p>