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Issues & Programs List

Heartfelt Radio Christian Healthcare Ministries

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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues addressed by WKJA, Brunswick, Ohio as well as the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of April 1 through June 30, 2023. The listing is not exhaustive, but rather is a sampling of topics that were covered. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. The programs aired in the eastern time zone.

Date: 4/3/23

Airtime: 7:30pm **Duration**: 25 minutes

Program Title: Faith & Finance

Host(s): Rob West

Guest(s):

Issues: Recession Proof Your Finances

Description: Are you worried about a recession? Many economists say we're likely to have one in 2023. The Federal Reserve's raising of interest rates to fight inflation is a recipe for slowing the economy. In other words — recession. Are you prepared for it? We'll talk about it on Faith and Finance.

Date: 4/5/23

Airtime: 5:30pm **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Jared Eckert

Issues: Mental Health | Parental Rights | Social Media | Utah

Description:

Amidst growing public concern over social media's harmful effects on the mental health of teenagers, <u>Utah recently passed legislation</u> to better empower parents to protect their kids online. The new law prohibits social media companies from allowing minors access to their platforms without parental consent and requires social media networks to create a default curfew for minors that only parents can disable. A second law prohibits platforms from <u>employing addictive</u> features or designs.

In a digital age in which 95% of 13- to 17-year-olds own smartphones and 67% of teenagers use TikTok, Utah's laws are a landmark step. Kids on social media are at much higher risk of developing sleep problems, depression, suicidal ideation, and gender dysphoria. Laws like these can help place the power back in the hands of parents, letting them ultimately decide how and *if* their kids should be using social media. Still, parents must choose to *use* that power.

Date: 4/6/23

Airtime: 8:07am **Duration**: 7 minutes

Program Title: Mornings w/Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Dr. Michael Jacobsen, D.O., M.P.H. –

Medical Director | Christian Healthcare Ministries

Issues: Finance

Description: Saving money on family healthcare

costs

Date: 4/10/23

Airtime: 5:30pm **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Kasey Leander

Issues: Christian Worldview | church ministry | cultural analysis

Description: A recent study commissioned by The Wall Street

Journal found that the percentage of those who self-report valuing things like "hard work," "community involvement," "patriotism," and "tolerance for others" has tanked in recent years. The only one value that showed a marked increase in the study was "money." Our changing values reflect a deeply changed worldview and are the root of the broader issues we face as a society, including the heightened political rancor, the growing number of deaths of despair, and the loss of fundamental freedoms of conscience.

Date: 04/14/23

Airtime: 7:30 pm **Duration**: 26 Minutes

Program Title: Finding Your Scholarships

Host(s): Rob West

Guest(s):

Issues: Strategies to finding scholarships

• **Description:** College is expensive. The College Board reports that in 2023, in-state students at a public four-year school will spend close to \$11,000 on tuition and fees. That's for just one year, and doesn't include room and board. Students at a private, four-year college will spend almost \$40,000 on tuition and fees alone.

Date: 04/15/23

Airtime: 5:30 pm **Duration**: 4 Minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Shane Morris

Issues: Generation Z | anxiety | Mental Health |

Social Media

Description: Saint Augustine <u>famously observed</u> that the human heart is restless until its rest is found in God. That applies not only to individuals but also to cultures and entire generations. Practically speaking, this "restlessness" can take many forms, including an unprecedented mental health crisis.

The recent and much talked about report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describes precisely that. As a CDC spokeswoman bluntly stated, "young people"— especially young women — "are in crisis." An article in <u>The New York Times</u> summarized, "Nearly three in five teenage girls felt persistent sadness in 2021 ... and one in three girls seriously considered attempting suicide." Jonathan Haidt, author of *The Coddling of the American Mind*, <u>painted an even starker picture</u>: "We are now 11 years into the largest epidemic of adolescent mental illness ever recorded."

The timing of this unprecedented outbreak of anxiety, depression and other mental health problems, Haidt points out, corresponds suspiciously with the rise of smartphones and social media apps. This technology led to a culture-wide exchange of what he calls a "play-based childhood" for a "screen-based" one. That exchange likely helped create a generation with fragile psyches unable to deal with life's challenges.

Date: 04/17/23

Airtime: 7:30 pm Duration: 26 minutes

Program Title: Faith & Finance

Host(s): Rob West

Guest(s):

Issues: Job Interview

• **Description:** Despite fears of a coming recession, employers are still hiring and there are still more jobs than workers. There's no better time to try for that dream job you've always wanted. But just because the labor market's in your favor doesn't mean you can go into an interview unprepared.

Date: 04/18/23

Airtime: 5:30 pm **Duration**:26 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Shane Morris

Issues: Apologetics | Christian Worldview | Gen z

Description: Many Christian parents worry about passing on the faith to their children. Sadly, statistics suggest they should. In 2020, the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University found that just 2% of millennials, a generation now well into adulthood, have a biblical worldview. That is the lowest of any generation since surveys on the topic began. Lifeway Research reports that two-thirds of those who attend a youth group as teenagers will drop out of church as adults.

A significant aspect of the battle for the hearts and minds of the next generation has to do with ideas. Helping students think correctly about life and the world, God and themselves, would be hard enough if they weren't facing such strong cultural headwinds. But they are. And bad ideas are like viruses. They spread from the mind to the heart and from person to person, even infecting entire populations.

Many young people today leave the faith because they lack the necessary immunity from the bad ideas of our culture. Christian parents must not only present the truth to their kids, they must find ways to immunize them against lies. To do that, we need to know which teaching methods work and which don't.

Date: 04/19/23

Airtime: 12:30 pm **Duration**: 26 minutes

Program Title: The Public Square

Host(s): Dave Zanotti & Wayne Shepherd

Guest(s): American Policy Roundtable staff

Issues: School Safety

Description: Keeping children safe is constantly on our minds along with the rest of America. So what does school safety and security look like and what is the best way to protect schools and churches? How do we move forward?

Date: 4/19/23

Airtime: 7:45am **Duration**: 2 minutes

Program Title: The Public Square

Host(s): Dave Zanotti

Guest(s):

Issues: What is your first Right?

Description: Have you ever asked yourself what

your first Right is?

Date: 4/29/23

Airtime: 7:30pm **Duration**: 26 minutes

Program Title: FaithFi & Finance

Host(s): Rob West

Guest(s):

Issues: Title Fraud

Description: You've heard the ads on the radio — identity thieves can take your house unless you buy "TITLE FRAUD INSURANCE". You've also heard that home title fraud is a growing type of identity theft. But is the answer really ANOTHER insurance policy, or can you protect yourself? Rob talks about all that on this episode of Faith&Finance.

Date: 5/5/23

Airtime: 8:07am **Duration**: 7 minutes

Program Title: Mornings w/ Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Claire Merrick | Marketing Director |

Summit Metro Park

Issues: Park & Recreation | family

Description: Clare shares some great outdoor ideas! Talks about Spree for All...the Mother's Day 5K....Native Plant Festival in May, and Birding programs.

Date: 5/10/23

Airtime: 12:30pm Duration: 26 minutes

Program Title: American Policy Roundtable

Host(s): Dave Zanotti & Wayne Shepherd

Guest(s): The Roundtable panel

Issues: Politics | Policy

Description: Is the radical left really winning? How do extreme world-views work in the real world? We don't believe the American people are falling for it. People are running towards the truth. Pull up a chair and grab a friend as we discuss more today on The Public Square®.

Date: 5/11/23

Airtime: 8:07am **Duration**: 14 minutes

Program Title: Morning's w/ Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Dr. Michael Jacobson, D.O., M.P.H. –

Medical Director | Christian Healthcare

Ministries

Issues: Maternity | Health & fitness

Description: Dr. Jacobson talks with Mark & Gabe about maternity care, provider relations, and health options for expected mothers.

Date: 5/12/23

Airtime: 5:30pm **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Timothy Padgett

Issues: Christian Worldview | Euthanasia | Healthcare | World News

Description: Apparently, many in Canada would like to see the classic 1976 sci-fi thriller *Logan's Run*, which portrays a "perfect" world where no one lives past 30, become reality. According to a recent study, a morbid majority of Canadians consider their euthanasia program to be moral. Around half wish to extend it to those with mental illness, a disability, or inadequate healthcare. What is perhaps most frightening of all is that these numbers increase dramatically among younger Canadians. Around 40% of 18- to 34-year-olds think "medical aid in dying" should be available to the homeless and the poor.

These horrifying numbers suggest that for an increasing number of the rising generation, those who fail to achieve a comfortable lifestyle would be better off dead. The same argument has been used to justify abortion, where the final solution for abuse, poverty, and illness is to liquidate the sufferers rather than alleviate the suffering. A culture of death corrupts our compassion and our thinking.

Date: 5/15/23

Airtime: 7:35am **Duration**: 20 minutes

Program Title: Mornings w/ Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): John Palmer, ISA Certified Arborist

Issues: Lawn care

Description: John shared with Heartfelt Radio listeners how to help your yard transition from Winter into Spring and into Summer.

Date: 5/17/23

Airtime: 12:30pm Duration: 26 minutes

Program Title: American Policy Roundtable

Host(s): Dave Zanotti & Wayne Shepherd

Guest(s): The Roundtable panel

Issues:

Description: Join us today as we revisit a special conversation from a long format broadcast – "The Life on Mission". We share what the concept of "organic radio" means to us and the mission of "iVoters.com", our nonpartisan voter information service. If you are searching for real change then we hope you join us today on The Public Square®.

Date: 5/22/23

Airtime: 7:30pm Duration: 26 minutes

Program Title: FaithFi & Finance

Host(s): Rob West

Guest(s): Lauren Gajdek, Vice President,

Christian Healthcare Ministries

Issues: Healthcare

Description: A lot of economists are scratching their heads these days over why the economy hasn't already slipped into recession. So it seems we're overdue. We'll talk with Lauren Gajdek about a way you can be better prepared to cover healthcare costs.

Date: 5/23/23

Airtime: 6:35am **Duration**: 10 minutes

Program Title: Morning's w/ Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Elena Bell | Marketing & Public

Relations Manager | The Akron Zoo

Issues: Local entertainment

Description: Elena shares what is new at the Akron Zoo for Summer, 2023.

Date: 5/25/23

Airtime: 12:30pm **Duration**: 26 minutes

Program Title: American Policy Roundtable

Host(s): Dave Zanotti & Wayne Shepherd

Guest(s): Roundtable panel

Issues: Politics

Description: Without a two-party political system, could we even get anything done? Tune in to The Public Square® to hear more.

Date: 5/30/23

Airtime: 8:07am **Duration**: 7 minutes

Program Title: Morning's w/ Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Rob Walgate | Vice President | The

American Policy Roundtable | Valley City

Issues: Politics | Issues

Description: Mark & Gabe catch up with Rob on many policy initiatives in Columbus.

Date: 6/1/23

Airtime: 7:35am **Duration**: 20 minutes

Program Title: Mornings w/ Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Cris Prillaman | PR/Sales & Marketing

Manager | New Destiny Treatment Center

Issues: Health | Addiction | Recovery

Description: Cris updates WKJA listener on how God is working through New Destiny Treatment Center to heal and restore people struggling with addiction.

Date: 6/5/23

Airtime: 5:30pm **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Jared Eckert

Issues: <u>body image</u> | <u>eating disorders</u> | <u>Gen z</u> | <u>Social Media</u>

<u>TikTok</u>

Description: TikTok is feeding teens a "diet of darkness." Recently, a group of researchers created fictitious accounts of 13-year-olds and quickly found their feeds full with content about eating disorders, body image, self-harm, and even suicide. This is *despite* the fact that TikTok currently employs 40,000 content moderators and has default screen-time limits for teens.

TikTok's problems have long plagued all social media platforms. Most have made efforts to prohibit the promotion of socially contagious self-destructive behaviors, but none have been able to eliminate this content entirely. Their guidelines, bans, and moderators do nothing to restrict other destructive content, such as ideas about gender confusion and transition.

Parents can't rely on the goodwill of social media giants to protect their kids. They must be proactive in teaching them how to use tech wisely and, often, just say no to it. Most importantly, parents need to remind their kids *who they are:* people made in the image and likeness of God

Date: 6/6/23

Airtime: 7:45am **Duration**: 2 minutes

Program Title: The Public Square

Host(s): Dave Zanotti

Guest(s):

Issues: Rediscovering American History

Description: Tune in today as we talk about the life of George Washington and his impact on slavery right here on The Public Square®.

Date: 6/9/23

Airtime: 7:07am **Duration**: 15 minutes

Program Title: Mornings w/ Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Pastor Tom Roepke | Linden Road

Presbyterian Church | Mansfield

Issues: Religion | Church

Description: In the latest Barna survey, the research reveals that American churchgoers have no problem with Jesus, it's the Church that they don't trust. What do we as believers do about that?

Date: 6/9/23

Airtime: 7:30pm Duration: 26 minutes

Program Title: FaithFi & Finance

Host(s): Rob West

Guest(s):

Issues: Finances

Description: On today's program, Rob West discusses:

- How do you get an amortization schedule to understand how soon you can pay off your mortgage?
- What is an "Able" account for people with disabilities, and how does that differ from a 529 savings plan?
- What's the difference between a bank and a credit union, and are credit union accounts federally insured in the same way as they are with most banks?
- Where should you park the proceeds from the sale of a home if you plan to buy another home again soon?

Date: 6/13/23

Airtime: 7:45am **Duration**: 2 minutes

Program Title: The Public Square

Host(s): Dave Zanotti

Guest(s):

Issues: Politics

Description: A leading member of APR recently spoke on TV about a state ballot move toward a 60% supermajority and caused quite a controversy. Tune in today to hear more.

Date: 6/15/23

Airtime: 8:07am **Duration**: 15 minutes

Program Title: Morning's w/ Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Dr. Michael Jacobson, D.O., M.P.H. –

Medical Director | Christian Healthcare

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Issues: Health & fitness

Description: "Summer health tips" for those who will be more active from now through Fall

Date: 6/19/23

Airtime: 5:30pm Duration: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s):

Issues: Abortion | dobbs | Dobbs v. Jackson | Pro-Choice | Pro-life

Roe v. Wade

Description: According to a recent report on the online source

FiveThirtyEight, the *Dobbs* decision has made a big difference.

"There were almost 94,000 fewer abortions in states that implemented bans post-Dobbs, just between July and March," author Amelia Thomson-DeVeaux summarized in a Twitter thread. "Almost 100k affected and that's not even the full year." And, in states without bans, "Abortions rose by $\sim 70,000$." In other words, the *Dobbs* decision from the U.S. Supreme Court that overturned *Roe v. Wade* and returned the abortion decision back to the states has meant a net decrease of 24,000 abortions nationwide.

Some bans have had a more significant impact than others. For example, abortion in states that "have banned abortion after six weeks ... [abortions] tend to drop by 50-60%. If that happened in FL, where a six-week ban is pending, we could be talking about 4k fewer abortions MONTHLY."

To be clear, Thomson-DeVeaux is alarmed by these numbers.

At the same time, data points to huge shifts in how abortion is attained in America, most notably abortion tourism and an uptick in chemical abortions. So, the work continues. And yet, it is safe to say that elections matter.

Date: 6/21/23

Airtime: 12:30pm Duration: 26 minutes

Program Title: American Policy Roundtable

Host(s): Dave Zanotti & Wayne Shepherd

Guest(s): Roundtable panel

Issues: Politics

Description: Is this political theater or a genuine threat to the Republic? Does anyone remember "the rule of law"? Join in the conversation today on The Public Square ®.

Date: 6/22/23

Airtime: 7:35am **Duration**: 15 minutes

Program Title: Morning's w/ Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Rob West | Host of Faith & Finance and

CEO of Kingdom Advisors | Atlanta Georgia

Issues: Finances

Description: From the foundation laid by Larry Burkett, Howard Dayton, and Ron Blue, Rob's program Faith & Finance ministers to a million believers every week, providing answers to financial questions.

Date: 6/26/23

Airtime: 6:20am **Duration**: 8 minutes

Program Title: Morning's w/ Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Brenda Tulippe | Ohio MCC Relief Sale

| Mt Hope

Issues: Community event | Religious financial

relief

Description: The Mennonite Central Committees 58th annual Relief Sale and Auction will have many of the same features the attendees have come to know and love – but new date and new location!

Date: 6/27/23

Airtime: 12:30pm Duration: 26 minutes

Program Title: American Policy Roundtable

Host(s): Dave Zanotti & Wayne Shepherd

Guest(s):

Issues: Michael DelGiorno & Dave Zanotti

Description: Today we feature the new podcast 1850 Main Street[™] with hosts Michael DelGiorno and David Zanotti. Pull up a chair and listen in as two experts in media and public policy talk through the most divisive and challenging issues facing America today. Find out what so many others are coming to realize: There is hope for America. Join in the conversation today on The Public Square [®].

Date: 6/29/23

Airtime: 5:30pm **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Timothy Padgett

Issues: Two Court Cases & their consequences

Description: This week is the anniversary of two dark and pivotal cases in U.S. Supreme Court history. In June 2013, the high court ruled in *United States v. Windsor* that the Defense of Marriage Act of 1996 violated Due Process. This essentially made the 2015 *Obergefell v. Hodges* judgment, which redefined millennia of law on marriage, inevitable.

Justice Anthony Kennedy unwittingly defined our chaotic age in the majority opinion for *Obergefell* when he declared, "The Constitution promises liberty to all within its reach, a liberty that includes certain specific rights that allow persons, within a lawful realm, to define and express their identity."

This idea—that people can freely craft their identity independent from nature, science, and reality—is behind so much of the moral confusion of the last few years. But it has certainly not led to the "liberty" that Justice Kennedy promised. This is the opportunity for Christians to point not only to an abstractmoral position, but to reality itself and to the God who made it.