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Issues & Programs List

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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 January 1 through March 31, 2024. 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: 01/03/2024 Wednesday

Airtime: 5:30 p.m. Duration: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): N/A

Issues: Ongoing Genocide of Nigerian Christians

Description:

For years, the Nigerian government has denied the obvious religious dimensions of the Fulani herdsmen, instead claiming it to be a conflict between farmers and herders. Former President Muhammadu Buhari is a Fulani. Though he attempted to address some of the economic issues that drive Fulani militancy, he consistently denied that religion played any role in the conflict, pointing out that Muslim villages were also raided. However, the vast majority of attacks were committed against Christians, including Christians in churches on Christmas and Easter.

Date: 01/04/2024 Thursday

Airtime: 7:30 pm Duration: 25 minutes

Program Title: Faith & Finance

Host(s): Rob West

Guest(s): N/A

Issues: Know Your Tax Preparer

Description:

- Tax preparers are typically CPAs (Certified Public Accountants), Enrolled Agents, or specialized attorneys. CPAs have more stringent requirements than Enrolled Agents.
- There's a shortage of CPAs and Enrolled Agents, leading to firms hiring high school interns at competitive rates to encourage CPA careers.
- Due to professional shortages, there's a risk of encountering unscrupulous tax preparers, potentially leading to scams like refund fraud and identity theft

Date: 01/05/2024 Friday

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: Faith in Culture

Description:

40 years ago, Dr Francis Schaeffer wrote his last book titled The Great Evangelical Disaster.

Why does that book read like the headline stories of 2024? We all recently read the book again. Please join in the dicussion in this challenging episode of The Public Square®. This is a book report you don't want to miss.

Date: 1/9/2024 Tuesday

Airtime: 5:30 p.m. **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Glenn Sunshine

Issues: Thank God for Constantine?

Description:

Seventeen hundred years ago this year, Constantine defeated his co-emperor Licinius, ending a series of civil wars and consolidating power as sole emperor of Rome. At the time, Christians saw this as the defeat of old pagan ways and the triumph of a new Christian vision of Rome.

Of course, the legalization of Christianity set up a tug-of-war between Church and state. Because the faith had existed as an illegal and sporadically persecuted minority religion for centuries, the Church functioned fully independent of the state. With Constantine came new questions, such as, what properly belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God?

Date: 1/12/2024 Friday

Airtime: 7:30 p.m. **Duration**: 25 minutes

Program Title: Faith & Finance

Host(s): Mark Regier

Guest(s): N/A

Issues: Investing in the Care of Creation

Description:

Greenwashing is when companies or funds claim to be more environmentally friendly or engaged in sustainable practices than they actually are. It's important for investors to research and verify these claims. To avoid greenwashing, investors should look deeply into company or fund activities, visit their websites for environmental reports, understand the information's source, and consider the company's willingness to discuss and address environmental issues. Transparency and evidence of genuine sustainable practices are key to discerning genuine efforts from greenwashing.

- Greenwashing is misleading claims about environmental practices or benefits.
- Investors should research and verify environmental claims made by companies or funds.
- Looking at a company's actual environmental policies, actions, and willingness to engage in discussions about sustainability can help avoid greenwashing.

Date: 01/12/2024 Friday

Airtime: **Duration**: 15 minutes

Program Title: Mornings w/ Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Chip Richter – Music for Kids and Families

Gretchen Colon – Lakeside Chautauqua

Issues: Lakeside Chautauqua

Description:

Saturday morning, Chip realizes a dream come true with the premiere of "Once Upon A Porch", a new TV show for kids – LIVE from Lakeside! Chip tells about the show, and Gretchen tells us more about the partnership – and what's happening at Lakeside!

Date: 01/12/2024 Friday

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: The General and Mr. Biden

Description:

On January 5th, President Joe Biden delivered his first campaign speech seeking reelection in 2024. Before the speech was over, President Biden would use the term "democracy" twenty-nine times. There is one significant problem with the President's rhetoric: General George Washington never mentioned the word "democracy" as America's sacred cause. Let's discuss "democracy" and its true meaning today on the Public Square®.

Date: 01/15/2024 Monday

Airtime: 5:30 p.m. **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): N/A

Issues: The Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Description:

In 1955, after only a year of pastoring a church in Montgomery, Alabama, Dr. King was selected to lead an organization that boycotted public transportation. This was in response to the arrest of <u>Rosa Parks</u>, who refused to give up her seat for a white passenger on a bus. With a remarkable speaking ability and his advocacy of peaceful protest, Dr. King became a primary voice of the Civil Rights Movement.

Chuck Colson noted three significant aspects of Dr. King's work. First, Dr. King was deeply influenced by his Christian faith. Though a series of personal failures are now known to be, sadly, serial, the principles from which he spoke and wrote were undeniably Christian. Reflecting on Dr. King's time in Birmingham, fighting against segregation and for equal job opportunities for African Americans.

Date: 01/17/2024 Wednesday

Airtime: 7:30 p.m. Duration: 25 minutes

Program Title: Faith & Finance

Host(s): Bob Doll

Guest(s): N/A

Issues: 10 Predictions for 2024

Description:

Bob Doll reflects on his previous year's predictions, noting that while they achieved a 50% accuracy rate, it fell short of their usual 72% mark. The unexpected strength in the economy and labor market, combined with a decrease in inflation, led to deviations from their projections.

- The economy was stronger than expected, preventing the anticipated recession.
- Inflation continued to decrease but did not reach the central bank's target of 2%.
- Stock market valuations increased, particularly for a small group of highperforming stocks

Date: 01/18/2024 Thursday

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: The General and Mr. Biden, continued

Description:

Today, our team follows up on the conversation from our monthly update regarding President Biden's recent speech regarding General George Washington. President Biden claims that George Washington was fighting for democracy in America when this couldn't be farther from the truth. It's easy to have lots of myths about the well-known and historic figure General George Washington but what's the real truth and why does it matter? It's not politics, it's history.

Date: 01/22/2024 Monday

Airtime: 7:35 a.m. **Duration**: 9 minutes

Program Title: Mornings w/Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): John Kerezy Associate Professor of Media &

Journalism Studies | Cuyahoga Comm College

Issues: Republican Presidential field

Description:

In the last 100 hours, the Republican Presidential field has completely collapsed – and this just hours before the *beginning* of the primary season...what is happening?

Date: 01/23/2024 Tuesday

Airtime: 7:35 a.m. **Duration**: 9 minutes

Program Title: Mornings w/Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Mayor William Judge – City of Barberton

Issues: City of Barberton 2024

Description: It's been over a year since Mayor Judge has been able to join us – today, we'll look back at a busy 2023, and forward to a very busy 2024!

- Public projects
- New businesses
- Main Street Barberton

Date: 01/24/2024 Wednesday

Airtime: 5:30 p.m. **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Shane Morris

Issues: The Growing Political Divide of Men and Women

Description:

One <u>feature of American life</u> for some time now is that women, as a group, tend to fall to the left of men politically. For much of the twentieth century, that gap was relatively minor. Until 1980, in fact, <u>the sexes voted</u> within a few percentage points of each other. Since then, things have changed dramatically.

Instead of pointing fingers at one another as Adam and Eve did after the fall, we should take this emerging political divide as clear evidence that without our oldest and most important mediating institution—the family, society unravels. There's no way forward if men and women remain at such loggerheads, not only does dating become a nightmare, but the future is at risk. After all, the government cannot birth new citizens, voters, and taxpayers. Men and women stand or fall together. A nation in which the sexes are at war is a house divided against itself at the most fundamental level. Such a house cannot stand.

Date: 01/25/2024 Thursday

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: Tribalism – Lose God, Lose Man

Description:

According to the Washington Post tribalism in American politics is dividing us like never before, but is this really the case? Why is the American political arena so polarizing?

Date: 01/29/2024 Monday

Airtime: 7:30 p.m. **Duration**: 25 minutes

Program Title: Faith & Finance

Host(s): Rob West

Guest(s): N/A

Issues: Financial Injustice

Description:

THE REALITY OF FINANCIAL INJUSTICE:

The world, marred by sins such as greed, envy, dishonesty, and pride, often leads to the unfair financial exploitation of others, a stark reality that Christians must recognize.

CONSEQUENCES OF INJUSTICE:

Galatians 6:7 tells us that God is not mocked; individuals will reap the consequences of their actions, highlighting the seriousness of engaging in injustice.

Date: 01/30/2024 Tuesday

Airtime: 5:30 p.m. **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Jared Hayden

Issues: Is Abortion Pill Reversal Safe and Effective?

Description:

In the wake of *Dobbs*, pro-abortion activists are lobbying states to expand access to chemical abortion. As of 2020, chemical abortions made up <u>nearly 54% of all abortions</u> in the United States. Often referred to as "the abortion pill," the chemical abortion process is actually two pills. The first is intended to end the life of the preborn child. The second is intended to expel it.

The chemical abortion process can be reversed before Misoprostol is taken, thanks to a commonly understood chemical process called Reversible Competitive Inhibition. Mifepristone is an "inhibitor." It blocks progesterone from being able to do its job. If the mom is given natural progesterone within 72 hours of taking Mifepristone, the resulting increase in progesterone can overcome (or "outcompete") the blockade, restoring to the preborn baby the vital nutrients he or she needs.

Finally, the abortion pill reversal has already saved more than 4,500 lives.

Date: 02/01/2024 Thursday

Airtime: 8:07 a.m. **Duration**: 7 minutes

Program Title: Mornings w/Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Chaney Nezbeth

Issues: East Palestine, OH & Train Derailment

Description: The Way Station

- What has NOT changed since the toxic train derailment?
- What has changed and for the BETTER?
- What will the President's visit do...for the good, or the bad?

Date: 02/02/2024 Friday

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: Elections

Description:

How do we keep our sanity in the 2024 elections? It's already begun with primaries and the rules and mysteries surrounding them. This election is not just about the President. Let's dig deep today and try our best to stay sane.

Date: 02/06/2024 Tuesday

Airtime: 7:30 p.m. Duration: 25 minutes

Program Title: Faith & Finance

Host(s): Rob West

Guest(s): N/A

Issues: The Housing Market: Rent or Buy?

Description:

There's no question that we're still feeling the impact of the COVID pandemic. The COVID pandemic significantly disrupted the housing market, increasing home prices and rental rates, making it challenging for first-time home buyers.

CURRENT HOUSING MARKET CONDITIONS:

Skyhigh mortgage payments: On average, new mortgage payments are now 52% higher than apartment rents, the largest gap in 27 years, according to CBRE.

Low first-time home buyer activity: Only 26% of buyers were first-timers in 2022, the lowest percentage on record by the National Association of Realtors.

Steady home values despite high mortgage rates: Despite expectations, high mortgage rates haven't lowered home values due to low housing inventory.

RENTAL MARKET AS THE NEW "VALUE OPTION":

Changing perspective on renting vs. buying: Renting is now seen as more financially sensible for many, as it doesn't involve skyhigh mortgage payments and allows for flexibility in this uncertain market.

Date: 02/07/2024 Wednesday

Airtime: 5:30 p.m. **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Shane Morris

Issues: The Predicted Push for Polyamory Is Out

in Full Force

Description: Back in 2004, a collection of voices warned of the consequences of normalizing homosexuality. They were often mocked and dismissed for predicting how so-called "gay marriage" would usher in all kinds of other perversions. Last month, after three national news publications ran stories praising *polyamory*, these critics now seem like prophets, though their predictions should've seemed obvious to all. The slope really was slippery, after all.

In *The New York Times* version, "[A] Polyamorous Mom Had 'a Big Sexual Adventure' and Found Herself." The *New York Magazine* sported a cover photo of four cute, snuggling cats beneath the headline, "Polyamory: A Practical Guide for the Curious Couple." The *USA Today* gave readers a crash course in the supposedly "misunderstood" polyamorous subculture known as "swingers."

Date: 02/09/2024 Friday

Airtime: 6:48 a.m. **Duration**: 10 minutes

Program Title: Mornings w/Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): David DeFelice & Jay Ryan

Issues: Total Eclipse Day in NE Ohio

Description:

David & Jay have developed an outreach curriculum for your church on April 8th.

Date: 02/13/2024 Tuesday

Airtime: 7:30 p.m. **Duration**: 25 minutes

Program Title: Faith & Finance

Host(s): Rob West

Guest(s): N/A

Issues: Helping the Kids Buy a House

Description:

Rob discusses the reasons parents might consider lending money to their children for a house purchase, such as reducing the interest the child must pay and helping if the child does not qualify for a mortgage due to debt-to-income ratio issues or insufficient credit history. He emphasizes the importance of understanding the implications of lending versus gifting money, the potential risks involved, and ensuring any loan is legally documented.

Date: 02/15/2023 Thursday

Airtime: 7:35 a.m. **Duration**: 9 minutes

Program Title: Mornings w/Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Terry Pluto – Cleveland.com columnist

Issues: Spring Training

Description:

In his latest "Faith & You" column,

Terry thinks about the beginning of Spring Training with remembrance of his dad, Tom, and his need to "be out".

Date: 02/16/2024 Friday

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

Program Title: The Public Square

Host(s): Dave Zanotti & Wayne Shepherd

Guest(s): Dr. W.B. Allen, Expert Professor & Historian

Issues: DEFEATISM & Our Mission

Description:

Has God given up on America?

We wrestle with the difficult understanding that nations rise and fall but the Lord is steadfast.

Date: 02/19/2024 Monday

Airtime: 5:30 p.m. **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Jared Hayden

Issues: Making the Case for Life Post-Roe

Description:

Years from now, by God's grace, the world may look back with horror on the abortion holocaust that engulfed our nation and much of the world. When they do, people will discuss the movement that helped make this injustice unthinkable for civilized people. Part of that conversation will be how the movement recruited champions, especially young people, and equipped them to defend the preborn. One of the sage champions for the unborn has been Scott Klusendorf, who is also the president of Life Training Institute.

Klusendorf's new chapter on worldview is a must-read. There he explains the influence of Critical Theory on the pro-abortion movement, especially the claim that the pro-life stance is oppressive. The ironic truth, of course, is that pro-abortion advocates are the ones oppressing vulnerable preborn babies who cannot speak for themselves. This chapter helps pro-lifers engage pro-abortion neighbors at the level of their worldview assumptions, challenging their misguided ideas and pointing them to the Christian worldview, which is the strongest foundation for universal human dignity.

Date: 02/22/2024 Thursday

Airtime: 7:30 p.m. Duration: 25 minutes

Program Title: Faith & Finance

Host(s): Rob West

Guest(s): Dale Vermillion

Issues: What's Up With Mortgage Rates?

Description: Dale Vermillion is the author of

Navigating The Mortgage Maze: The Simple Truth About Financing Your Home.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE CURRENT TREND IN MORTGAGE RATES?

WHAT IMPACT MIGHT THE FED'S EXPECTED INTEREST RATE CUTS HAVE ON MORTGAGE RATES?

Date: 02/23/2024 Friday

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

Program Title: The Public Square

Host(s): Dave Zanotti & Wayne Shepherd

Guest(s): N/A

Issues: President's Day

Description: Is there a revival for American History? There are over 6,000 books revolving around General George Washington have been published but there is still more to be said. Let's gather together to reflect on our nation's past leaders and future leaders in honor of this Presidents' Day.

Date: 02/29/24 Thursday

Airtime: 5:30 p.m. **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Glenn Sunshine

Issues: Leap Day: How Clocks & Calendars Shape Us

Description:

Initially, given the changing length of day and night throughout the year, liturgical hours were not fixed. Instead, the Church regularized the hours by measuring the passage of time. By the 1200s, the mechanical clock was invented to keep pace with a chime that signaled when to ring the bells for the monastic hours.

Like with mechanical clocks, calendar reform was also inspired by the needs of the Church, specifically the need to calculate the date of Easter, which was necessary to calculate the beginning of Lent, Palm Sunday and Holy Week, and the Feast Days of the Ascension and Pentecost. Setting the date of Easter required knowing the date of the spring equinox and the phases of the moon. The old Julian Calendar, which first introduced the idea of Leap Year, had accumulated enough errors over 1,500 years that the equinox was no longer near the theoretical date of March 21.

Date: 03/04/24 Monday

Airtime: 7:30 p.m. Duration: 25 minutes

Program Title: Faith & Finance

Host(s): Rob West

Guest(s):

Issues: 30 years of Faith-Based Investing

Description: What's on the horizon for faith based investors?

Looking forward, the industry is set to continue its evolution, offering an even wider range of products that cater to diverse Christian values and expressions. This expansion means investors can expect more opportunities to invest in ways that truly reflect their faith, from supporting ethical businesses to focusing on social justice.

- Expect more diverse faith-based investment products in the future.
- A convergence of interests between faith-based and traditional investors is likely, focusing on ethical business practices.
- The future promises a broad spectrum of options catering to various expressions of Christian faith.

Date: 03/07/24 Thursday

Airtime: 7:48 am **Duration**: 10 minutes

Program Title: Mornings w/Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): John Palmer / ISA Certified Master Arborist

"Northeast Ohio's Most Beloved Arborist"

Issues: Early Spring Planting

Description:

J.P. is back...and not a moment too soon – if you're thinking of trying to get out in the yard a little early this year...STOP!

Date: 03/06/24 Wednesday

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

Program Title: The Public Square

Host(s): Dave Zanotti & Wayne Shepherd

Guest(s): N/A

Issues: International News:

The Need for the Birds and the Bees

Description:

A California couple recently was interviewed and explained that they believe they do not have enough money to raise children. While this isn't an uncommon thought, nations all over the world are now struggling with declining populations.

Date: 03/11/24 Monday

Airtime: 5:30 p.m. **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Jared Hayden

Issues: Colson Center Announces 2024 Wilberforce Award

Description:

Every year, the Colson Center presents the William Wilberforce Award to a Christian leader who has made a lasting difference in their sphere of influence, demonstrating similar principled courage as British abolitionist William Wilberforce. At this year's Colson Center National Conference, Hobby Lobby founders David and Barbara Green will be awarded the 2024 Wilberforce Award. The Greens have exemplified a Christlike faithfulness, courage, and generosity that will leave a legacy for generations to come.

Date: 03/13/24 Wednesday

Airtime: 7:30 p.m. **Duration**: 25 minutes

Program Title: Faith & Finance

Host(s): Rob West

Guest(s): N/A

Issues: What's in your Health Care Directive?

Description:

THE PROCESS OF CREATING A HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE:

- **Step 1:** Select an agent who understands your values and wishes.
- Step 2: Detail your medical treatment preferences and end-of-life care decisions.
- **Step 3:** Discuss your directive thoroughly with your agent and family to ensure your wishes are understood and can be faithfully executed.

CONCLUSION:

Creating a Health Care Directive is an act of wisdom and stewardship, reflecting careful planning for the future. It ensures that your values and desires regarding medical treatment and end-of-life care are upheld, providing peace of mind for you and your loved ones. As followers of Christ, we are called to manage God's gifts wisely, and preparing a Health Care Directive is a responsible step in honoring that calling.

Date: 03/15/24 Friday

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

Program Title: The Public Square

Host(s): Dave Zanotti & Wayne Shepherd

Guest(s): N/A

Issues: Gambling

Description: Sports used to be a way to develop character. Now organized athletics at the collegiate and professional levels are all a portal into the dark world of gambling addictions. Are we all being played here? Are our elected officials in the game as well? It's time for March Madness. Will it bring April sadness to millions.

Date: 03/18/24 Monday

Airtime: 7:30 p.m. **Duration**: 25 minutes

Program Title: Faith & Finance

Host(s): Shaun Morgan

Guest(s): N/A

Issues: Do Investors Care About Faith-Based Investing?

Description:

Shaun Morgan discusses the ambiguous understanding of "Faith-Based Investing" among investors who consider faith important in their lives. Eventide's survey reveals that terms like "Values-Based Investing" and "Faith-Based Investing" often lead to neutral or unfamiliar responses, suggesting a gap in communication and understanding.

Surprisingly, a significant portion of investors indicated they would change financial advisors to access investments that align with their values. This willingness underscores a substantial gap in the current advisory landscape, where many advisors may not adequately address their clients' desires for values-aligned investing.

Date: 03/22/24 Friday

Airtime: 5:30 p.m. **Duration**: 4 minutes

Program Title: Breakpoint

Host(s): John Stonestreet

Guest(s): Jared Hayden

Issues: Why Abortion Advocates No Longer Consider It

"A Necessary Evil"

Description:

Last week, Kamala Harris became the first vice president in U.S. history to make a public visit to an abortion clinic. Though the Democratic party's support for abortion is nothing new, Harris' Planned Parenthood appearance does illustrate how that support has become a flagrant celebration of abortion as a public and personal good, essential to both "freedom" and to "healthcare." At the appearance, Harris proclaimed,

It is only right and fair that people have access to the health care they need. Extremists have proposed and passed laws that have denied women access to reproductive health care.

By making abortion central to freedom, Biden and Harris and their pro-abortion allies have gotten something terribly wrong. Freedom to kill cannot offer the way to a more abundant life. In fact, freedom that leads to immorality is not freedom at all. It is slavery—to sin, to guilt, to shame, to regret.

Date: 03/26/24 Tuesday

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

Program Title: Mornings w/Mark & Gabe

Host(s): Mark Zimmerman & Gabrielle Collins

Guest(s): Melanie Black Amato, Executive Director

Issues: Main Street Barberton

Description:

It's spring in The Magic City, and Melanie is back to talk with us about how Barberton's downtown is going to come alive in the next few months.