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January 6, 2024	Acres of Hope	Host: Carmen Shantz
	Offers Housing and	<u>Guest</u> : Jackie Turner, Outreach Director and Ministry
	the Gospel in	Coordinators, Acres of Hope, (Auburn, CA).
	California	https://www.acresofhopeonline.org
		Description: The Acres of Hope program is one-of-a-kind faith-
		based program for both women and children. They offer tiny
		cottages to these individuals (with a two-year renewal) as well as
		shares the Gospel on the streets at night. Acres of Hope walks
		families through the process of change, healing, and growth that
		they need to completely overcome the cycles of homelessness,
		trauma, addiction, and poverty.
January 13, 2024	<b>Turning Point</b>	Host: Carmen Shantz
	Supports Mental	Guest: Sheila Moran, Program Director, Turning Point Program,
	Health and Literacy	(Chico, CA). <u>www.tpcp.org</u>
	in Chico	Description: The Turning Point Program provides intensive case
		management and wraparound community support services to
		adults (18+) with co-occurring mental health and intellectual or
		developmental disabilities, including disability, psychiatric care,
		medical care, and housing. They support and integrate their clients
		into the community, with special care that their clients often don't
		trust authority figures as most clients are homeless, illiterate, and
		have a history of psychiatric hospital stays. Turning Point is very
		compassionate, as many of these individuals are not noticed or
		helped, and attempts to help them understand. All services
		support successful integration and stability within communities.
		Individuals gain a sense of purpose as well as the independence
		and knowledge to lead a meaningful life.
January 20, 2024	Project Fights	Host: Carmen Shantz
	Addiction and	Guest: Jacqueline Williams, Executive Director, Ford Street
	Poverty in California	Project, (Ukiah, CA). <u>https://fordstreet.org</u>
		Description: Addiction and personal hardship can be overcome
		with commitment and support. The Ford Street Project is
		dedicated to assisting the addicted and homeless of Mendocino
		County to attain sobriety and improve self-sufficiency. The project
		has a recovery and support program for county in which many
		overdose deaths from drugs and alcohol occur. They operate a
		food bank for the elderly and disabled to get employed because of
		their addictions. They operate twelve apartments, including food

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		for the clients, as well as operate a licensed residential treatment from 30-60 days, including a withdrawal management outpatient program, support those struggling. It is very rewarding to watch individuals escape addictions.
January 27, 2024	Fresh Food Outreach to Homeless in California	<u>Host:</u> Carmen Shantz <u>Guest</u> : Erin Meyer, Director of Food Rescue, Health and Wellness Initiatives, (Merced, CA). <u>www.peoplesfridge.org</u> <u>Description</u> : The mission of the People's Fridge is to empower and collaborate with local communities to ensure that no wholesome and nutritious food goes to waste and instead goes to everyone in need in a just, equitable, inclusive and caring way. The People's Fridge is a community fridge where anyone can take free, sustainable food and anyone can leave donations (especially fresh produce is needed). They pick up food for individuals and pantries. The Fridge has fruits and vegetables, as well as baked goods, dairy, and non-perishables. No identification or proof of income is required. It is free and open to all, with a large homeless population served with no stigma, no questions, and no
February 3 and March 2, 2024	Food Insecurity and Resources in California	assumptions Volunteers welcome. <u>Host:</u> Carmen Shantz <u>Guest</u> : Andrea Scollay, Director, Orangevale Food Bank, (Orangevale, CA). <u>https://www.ovfofb.org</u> <u>Description</u> : The Orangevale-Fair Oaks food bank strives to make positive impact in the communities of Orangevale and Fair Oaks by providing food, resources, and hope to families in need via drive through. They encourage participation from people within their community to help improve the lives of families in need through community outreach events, volunteering, food drives, and connecting people through a common purpose. In our current economy, several hundred families struggle each month to provide basic food for their families. They rally behind these families to help them through a difficult time and to bridge the gap for those families and provide assistance temporarily while they work toward meeting these needs on their own. Families can receive meat, dairy, fresh vegetables, and snacks. Forty percent of those served include seniors (60+ years) and thirty percent are families (due to rise in food cost), with many refugees from Ukraine and Russia.

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March 9, 2024	Chico Community	Host: Carmen Shantz
	Housing Action	Guest: Nicole Drummond, Executive Director, Chico Housing
	Team	Action Team (CHAT), (Chico, CA).
		www.chicohousinginactionteam.net
		Description: Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT) serves the
		Chico community by partnering with governmental agencies and
		local community partners to transition people out of homelessness
		and keep people housed. They help people with housing which
		consists of bedrooms with common living areas. The houses come
		with a bed, lamp, dresser, dishes, and food in the kitchen and a
		lock. All housing includes food, services, health and furniture.
		CHAT is volunteer run and is safer and cheaper than living on the
		street.
March 16, 2024	Manna Food Bank	Host: Carmen Shantz
	Serves Californians	Guest: Pastor Shannon Fannin, Founder, Manna Food Bank,
		(Sacramento, CA). <u>https://www.libertymcf.net/manna-food-</u>
		<u>closet.php</u>
		Description: The Manna Food Bank is organized by Liberty
		Ministries Church in Sacramento, founded in 1989. It provides
		food to about 1,000 people every month in the community and
		feeds 500 families per week. They pick up food in the local area
		such has stores, farmers, Feeding America, and from other food
		banks. Tuesdays and Thursdays are distribution days. They rely on
		volunteers and one to two fundraisers yearly. One hundred percent
		of every dollar donated goes directly to food programs, and 1 in 4
		people receiving emergency food are children.
March 23, 2024	California	Host: Carmen Shantz
	Community	Guest: Monika Grasley, Executive Director, Lifeline Community
	Development	Development Corporation (CDC), (Le Grand, CA).
		https://www.lifelinecdc.org
		Description: LifeLine CDC is a community benefit organization
		that empowers neighborhoods to thrive. The biggest need for
		people in poverty is connection to where they can find resources.
		They have centers with after-school programs for fifteen to twenty
		kids. Taxes are done for free through VITA. There are community
		gardens and community members teach their clients how to can.
		They also help people with filling out applications. They focus on

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		what is strong in a community, not on what is wrong to help neighbors discover their gifts, abilities, and strengths and to work together to help people and communities to thrive. They believe the skills of local residents, the power of local resources, and the supportive functions of local institutions are the primary building blocks of sustainable community development.
March 30, 2024	Youth Project Supports Health Life Choices in California	<u>Host:</u> Carmen Shantz <u>Guest</u> : Amanda Archer, Executive Director, Mendocino County Youth Project, (Ukiah, CA). <u>https://www.mcyp.org</u> <u>Description</u> : The Mendocino County Youth Project's (MCYP) Mission is to empower, guide, counsel and support children, youth, and families from Mendocino County's many diverse communities to make healthy life choices, maximize potential, and become productive citizens. MCYP operates in alignment with the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) model, acknowledging the effectiveness of utilizing trauma-informed practices within direct and non-direct services and commits to operating its administrative processes with the framework of trauma-informed policies, providing a work environment in which staff are given the opportunity for the highest level of success in meeting both their clients and community's needs. All services provided by Mendocino County Youth Project are free of charge to the community.

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January 6, 2024	Developing Good	Host: Jenny Burkhiser
	Habits and Stronger	Guest: Shaunti Feldhahn, Author of The Kindness Challenge,
	Relationships	Social Researcher, and Speaker, (Norcross, GA).
		https://shaunti.com/; www.jointhekindnesschallenge.com
	(25 minutes)	Description: The Apostle Paul says in Philippians 4, "do not be
		anxious about anything," but that is much easier said than done,
		especially when it comes to money. Most couples (92%) have
		some degree of conflict or tension around money. When couples
		argue or disagree about money, what is really going on deep down
		within? There are five different factors that determine couples'
		response to money-related conflicts. One of the factors discussed
		was, "we don't value what the other person values." Shaunti
		discussed how couples can communicate their needs and values to
		each other to better understand what the real issue is in a money
		conflict. In a marriage relationship, learning to be financially
		responsible and creating a budget is great, but if a spouse is not on
		the same page with creating a budget, that can make being
		financially responsible frustrating. Finally, Shaunti explained the
		importance of kindness in all relationships and encouraged taking
		the <i>Kindness Challenge</i> and then employing the following steps:
		nix the negative, practice praise, and be generous to start the new
		year with good habits and stronger relationships.
January 13, 2024	How to Build	Host: Jenny Burkhiser
	Stronger, Safer	Guest: Reverend Markel Hutchens, CEO, MovementForward, Inc.,
	Neighborhoods in	Faith and Blue Movement, (Atlanta, GA). https://faithandblue.org/
	America	Description: Strong communities are built through mutual respect
		and understanding. Law enforcement and faith institutions are key
	(25 minutes)	pillars of each community, and when they work together,
		neighborhoods thrive. Faith and Blue was inaugurated in 2020 by
		MovementForward, Inc., working with the Office of Community
		Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) at the U.S. Department
		of Justice. The ties that bind officers and residents must be
		reinforced if neighborhoods are to be built where everyone feels
		safe and included. Faith-based organizations are key to building
		these bonds because they are not only the largest community
		resource in the nation, with 65 million participants in weekly
		events, but because they are as diverse as our nation. Moreover,
		they speak to Americans' shared conviction that we are our

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		brothers' and sisters' keepers. Faith and Blue seeks to facilitate safer, stronger, more just and unified communities by directly enabling local partnerships among law enforcement professionals, residents, businesses, and community groups through the connections of local faith-based organizations to re-calibrate police-community relations.
January 20, 2024	School Choice and Curriculum Options: Creating A Biblical Worldview for Youth (25 minutes)	Host: Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest</u> : Reverend Joel Maus, Superintendent of <i>Smithtown</i> <i>Christian School</i> , (Smithtown, NY). <u>https://www.learnwithscs.org/</u> <u>Description</u> : Parents in America are concerned about the rise of nonBiblical ideology in public schools and erosion of parental rights, spurring many families to seek a model of education that prioritizes parental involvement. Rev. Maus shared that school choice is important in that it allows parents to choose what school they desire their child to attend, despite any financial constraints. For 40 years, Smithtown Christian School (SCS) has been a place where faculty, staff, and administration are committed to preparing the youth of today to be the leaders of tomorrow. SCS is a faithful, caring community, in the midst of an unstable and confusing world, where students are educated to think Biblically, serve effectively, and lead Christ-centered lives through academic excellence and spiritual growth. At SCS, parents have the opportunity to see their children encouraged to pursue academic excellence so that through their careers, passions, and daily lives,
January 27, 2024	Investing in the Kingdom: Faithful Stewardship through Legacy Planning/Gifts (25 minutes)	<ul> <li>students can effectively glorify God and minister to others.</li> <li><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser</li> <li><u>Guest</u>: Brian Miller, Private Wealth Advisor, the <i>Bahnsen Group</i>, (Nashville, TN). <u>www.thebahnsengroup.com</u></li> <li><u>Description</u>: Despite inflation impacting everyone's lives, Gallup's latest polling finds that slightly less than half of U.S. adults, 46%, have a will that describes how they would like their money and estate to be handled after death. Planned giving professionals have been waiting over 20 years for legislation that would allow donors to fund charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts with funds from their IRAs without negative tax consequences. A retirement plan can be a tax-efficient and simple way of including your favorite charity in your estate plan. A charity that is named as the beneficiary does not pay income or estate taxes on the</li> </ul>

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the poor, but their goal is to empower people to overcome poverty
and live purpose-filled lives. Pastor Howie encouraged each
individual to be aware of the needs from their local pantry and
encouraged financial or nonperishable item donations, or for a
church or small group to volunteer time and effort to gather food
items or finances in the local community.
February 10, 2024         Helping Older Adults         Host: Jenny Burkhiser
Prepare forGuest: Marcus Coleman, a Senior Official for the Federal
Natural Disasters         Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and DHS Center for
(~27 minutes) Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, (Washington, DC).
www.ready.gov/Older-Adults
Description: Disasters and emergencies can affect anyone at any
time, but older Americans are often left more susceptible to
damaging consequences, especially if they are living alone, are
low-income, have a disability, or live in rural areas. Seniors are
more at risk due to scarce financial resources, isolation, and
problems with mobility; therefore, it can be hard for seniors to

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		prepare for disasters. It is essential, then, for seniors and the
		people who care for them to give a lot of thought to how best to respond to natural disasters. They should, ideally, plan and prepare
		for them. "Take Control in 1, 2, 3" Campaign encourages older
		adults, emergency managers and all those who work with and
		support older adult communities to take three simple steps: 1)
		assess needs, 2) make a plan, and 3) engage support networks.
		FEMA has also created a Disaster Preparedness Guide for Older
		Adults that provides checklists and questions to answer under each
		step and is specifically designed for older adult communities.
		These include but are not limited to: learning about the types of
		disasters within their specific communities and signing up for
		electronic alerts, building a kit to be prepared for disaster at any
		time, and engaging friends, family, and caregivers in plans,
		ensuring they are each aware of specific needs during an
		emergency. Taking appropriate precautions can not only help
		mitigate risk and danger but help save lives.
February 17, 2024	Health Care Options	Host: Jenny Burkhiser
	for Christians as	<u>Guest:</u> Katy Talento, Veteran Policy Advisor, Epidemiologist and
	Critical Care	Executive Director, Alliance of Health Care Sharing Ministries,
	Costs Rise	(Washington, DC). <u>http://ahcsm.org/</u>
		Description: Many Americans are skipping appointments, not
	(~28 minutes)	getting prescriptions filled or simply are getting emotionally
		stressed by all the inflation and a mounting stack of bills. In fact,
		according to the American Psychological Association's annual Stress in America survey, 87% of Americans say that the rising
		prices caused by inflation are a significant source of stress. Lower-
		income, younger adults and women are the most likely to report
		delaying care. However, Christians don't have to face delays due
		to the combination of skyrocketing premiums plus high
		deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs: Health Care Sharing
		Ministries are more affordable monthly than health insurance,
		leaving far more in a family's pocket to manage other out-of-
		pocket costs. Health Care Sharing Ministries (HCSM) should not
		be confused with health insurance. When members go to a doctor
		or hospital or incur a medical cost, they submit the bill to their
		community through the ministry. The community regularly shares
		big-ticket items like treatments for cancer or heart disease.
		Members pray for other members, send shares to assist with bills,

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		and often mail cards and letters of encouragement. HCSM provide a way for Christians to share not only financial costs of medical
		care but also to convey and to receive spiritual and emotional
		encouragement from other believers.
February 24, 2024	<b>Emotional Health and</b>	Host: Jenny Burkhiser
	the Importance of	Guest: Mark Hancock, Author of Why Are We Sitting Here Until
	Male Role Models for	We Die? and CEO, Trail Life USA, (Belton, SC).
	Boys	https://www.traillifeusa.com
	(30 minutes)	Description: Going to school to learn should be the focus for
		students in America, but verbal and physical harassment is a
		continuing problem for students of all ages. The statistics paint a
		troubling picture: one in five high students ages 12-18 years
		reported being bullied during any given school year;
		approximately 160,000 teens reported skipping school to avoid
		bullying; and students who say they are frequently bullied score
		lower in reading, mathematics and science than their peers. Factors
		that cause boys in particular to bully other children are 1) the lack
		of a male role model in a young man's life and, 2) boys inherently
		process emotions differently than girls. Boys need action, activity and purpose to channel their emotions in positive and constructive
		ways, yet these are the very elements denied to boys during
		school. Boys are hard-wired with a drive for action, risk and
		adventure. As the largest Christ-centered, boy-focused scout-type
		organization in the country, Trail Life USA offers a dynamic
		mentor-led program that nurtures spiritual growth, teaches life
		lessons, and molds boys to become bold, courageous, godly men.
		They offer activities such as camping, hiking, and outdoor
		activities help build deep relationships and provide a special
		context for leadership, problem-solving, conflict-resolution, and
		character-building. Find or a start a local troop today!
March 2, 2024	How to Best Love	Host: Jenny Burkhiser
	Children in the	Guest: Dr. Sharen Ford, Director of Foster Care and Adoption,
	Foster Care System	Focus on the Family, (Colorado Springs, CO).
		https://www.waitnomore.org/
	(25 minutes)	Description: There are over 319,000 children currently in
		U.S. foster care who are unable to stay with their temporary
		families. By the age of 17 yrs., more than half of youth who are
		removed from their homes will have some encounter with the legal
		system – either through arrest, conviction, or detention. To add to

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		this complicated issue, many states do not have
		enough foster homes for the number of children who need them.
		This has led them to be "housed" in jails and offices. Restoring
		order and routine to children who have been removed by
		authorities is crucial in their developmental process. Focus on the
		Family has designed, "Wait No More," a Foster Care and
		Adoption Program, to raise adoption awareness and recruit parents
		for children and youth in the U.S. foster care system. Their desire
		is to see local church members "step up" to welcome these
		children into their homes. This is an achievable goal because the
		number of church congregations outweighs the number of children
		in need. Local congregations are perfectly placed to make a big
		impact on children in foster care in this country. Wait No More
		inspires and mobilizes the Church to do its part to extend the love
		and hope of Christ to these children. An integral part of their
		program is a recruitment event called Wait No More: Preparing
		Hearts and Homes for Kids in Foster Care, which is coordinated in
		partnership with local and state child welfare officials, adoption
		agencies, ministries, and local churches. Whether becoming a
		foster family or supporting those who are fostering, each person
N 1.0.2024		can support U.S. youth in foster care.
March 9, 2024	New Hope for	Host: Jenny Burkhiser
	Trafficked Survivors	Guest: Jeanne Allert, PhD, Executive Director, <i>Institute for Shelter</i>
		<i>Care</i> , (LaGrange, KY). <u>www.instituteforsheltercare.org</u>
	(25 minutes)	Description: Human trafficking is an affront to foundational
		values—that everyone is created equal and has the unalienable
		rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It erodes our
		communities, weakens the rule of law, and undermines our
		national security. Every year, millions of people are exploited
		within and across borders. Many victims are exploited for
		commercial sex, adults and children alike. In 2023, the Institute
		sought to hear from the survivors themselves about their
		experiences in recovery. Specifically, given that 66% of
		trafficking shelters in the U.S. identify as Christian programs, they
		wanted to find out how various faith practices were helping—or
		hurting—survivor progress. They received 158 responses
		nationwide and the findings were overwhelmingly positive. This
		report provided them with an understanding of how various faith
		practices are offered in these programs, and how—in their own

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		words—survivors have experienced spiritual growth and healing
		as a result. Scripture can change the life of a victim because it
		replaces lies about his or her identity with hope and a future.
		Jeanne shared a story of a woman who had rejected Bible study
		offerings at the shelter but then decided she wanted to know more
		about Christ and gave her life to Christ. To get help, call the
		National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.
March 16, 2024	Christian Outreach to	Host: Jenny Burkhiser
	Trafficked Survivors	Guest: Jeanne Allert, PhD, Executive Director, Institute for Shelter
		Care, (LaGrange, KY). www.instituteforsheltercare.org
		Description: Sexual exploitation is a national problem, and it will
		take each person doing our part in our own communities to raise
		awareness and solicit change. Christ followers have an opportunity
		to share the love and forgiveness they have experienced with
		trafficking victims, sharing the gift of time and listening. Some of
		the ways to join in the fight against human trafficking: 1) offer
		prayers for the shelter leaders, dedicated staff, and resilient
		survivors who stand at the frontline of this battle; 2) be a force of
		change in your community by volunteering at a local shelter, as
		time and dedication can make a life-changing difference for those
		seeking refuge and support; 3) be equipped with the knowledge
		and tools to fight trafficking effectively, using your voice to
		advocate against sexual exploitation. Other ways to help are to
		offer support to individuals struggling with pornography, become
		a guiding light for vulnerable children in your community, or
		make a lasting impact on the lives of families and children by
		becoming a foster parent or offering respite care. Finally, consider
		igniting a movement in your church or community by organizing a
		human trafficking awareness event.
March 23, 2024	Passover Implications	Host: Jenny Burkhiser
,	to Palm Sunday and	Guest: Rev. Malcolm Hedding, International Spokesman and
	Easter for Christians	Board Member, International Christian Embassy Jerusalem,
		(Murfreesboro, TN). <u>https://malcolmhedding.com/</u>
		Description: Christians in America and throughout the world are
		preparing for what is one of the most important celebrations of the
		year; the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (after his
		crucifixion and burial). Leading up to this triumphant celebration
		is Palm Sunday, which is connected to the ancient Israeli
		celebration of Passover that is read about in the Old Testament of
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		the Bible. Sadly, many in today's American society do not seem to be aware of the Biblical events of Jesus' death, crucifixion, burial and resurrection, even in our country where the Bible is freely available. Rev. Hedding said that teaching children of the strong Biblical connections between Passover and what Jesus did for humanity on Good Friday are powerful. It is important to note that both the Apostle Peter and John the Baptist refer to Jesus as the Lamb of God. By this imagery, they take us back to the Passover story where the blood of a lamb saved the Israelites from destruction (Exodus 12:21-23). This is precisely what Jesus has done for all of us! He has saved us from the Destroyer or the wrath to come. Rev. Hedding shared how individuals, families, and churches can celebrate Christian Passover meals to remember and
		share the Gospel with the next generation as Easter approaches.
March 30, 2024	Equipping Parents and the Church to Hide God's Word in Children's Hearts	Host: Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest</u> : Charles White, Retired Christian Preschool Teacher of and Editor, <u>www.bibleparent.com</u> , (Topeka, KS). <u>Description</u> : In the U.S., the Church is losing 86% of the children raised in church and yet only 15% of ministers regarded Sunday school as a leading concern. About 83% of Christians make their first commitment to Jesus between the ages of 4 and 14 yrs. and yet one out of four churches has closed their Sunday School, with the decline increasing every year. God's commands for parents can be found in Deuteronomy 6:5-9: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And "these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Charles noted that the essence of God's commands to parents is to surround their children with Bible verses: on their walls and windows, doors and bedsides, pockets etc. His website provides many free resources, including daily Bible verses, calendars, and coloring books, for churches to reproduce and give to parents in their own "Bible Makeover" at home to bring children up in the instruction of the Lord.

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January 3, 2024	Assistance for the Hearing Impaired	A hearing-impaired Pennsylvania couple is helping to lead a ministry for the hearing impaired in their community while breaking down false stigmas attached those with hearing impairment.
January 4, 2024	Community/Police Relations	An Atlanta non-profit is using barbershops as a way to bring police officers and community members together.
January 5, 2024	Need for Blood Donations	Marcos Perez has helped thousands of lives by donating his platelets every two weeks for the past 37 years. This wonderful act of kindness was inspired by the very transfusion that saved his life when he was born prematurely.
January 8, 2024	Pro-Life Advocacy	A pro-life coffee company has donated nearly \$300,000 to pregnancy resource centers nationwide to enable them to continue serving as a "shield and protector" to pregnant women.
January 9, 2024	Serving the Needy	A church congregation in Pennsylvania gave out gift cards worth \$50 each to all the employees of a local grocery store, while also helping to pay the bills of 200 customers.
January 11, 2024	Christmas Generosity to Area Hospitals	Now we all need a good hug sometimes, and one Milwaukee man made sure that children in 5 area hospitals got huge "bear hugs over the holidays." Since starting the <i>Bear Hug Project</i> , Noel has provided the comfort of over 500 stuffed bears to hospitalized children this past Christmas.
January 16, 2024	Bibles in Schools Educate Youth	What began as a prayer walk outside a Virginia school has grown into a global ministry that distributes Bibles to school libraries.
January 17, 2024	Child Safety/Rescue	One of America's finest rescued an 8-year-old girl from Vermont who had fallen through the ice while playing with her siblings!
January 19, 2024	Community Engagement	An abandoned neighborhood in Detroit came alive, all thanks to an empty lot, a fire truck full of water, and a local mother with a big heart. Kaytea Moreno-Elst saw the lot and thought it would be a perfect place to build an ice-skating rink.
January 22, 2024	Shoveling Snow for the Elderly	A delivery driver went above and beyond his duties to shovel a snow- covered driveway for a man who has been in a wheelchair for two decades.
January 24, 2024	School Debt Lightened by Incarcerated	When a high school student needed help paying his tuition fees, an unlikely group offered a helping hand: prison inmates.
January 25, 2024	Church Feeds Families Worldwide	Volunteers at a Tennessee church recently packed more than 101,000 meals to be delivered to hungry families worldwide.

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January 29, 2024	Kind Neighborly Gesture	For years, Colorado resident John Holtz used to only clear the snow in front of his home. But one day, he decided to go an extra block with his snowblower and that decision made a big impact in this neighborhood.
January 30, 2024	Helping the Elderly Without Heat	The Gallatin Police Department went the extra mile to assist a 72-year- old woman during last week's freezing temperatures in Tennessee. The story began when the police received a distress call from a resident whose heating system had failed. Sgt. Woodard, determined to help, mobilized a team of officers and reached out to a firewood supplier in the community. Despite the usual cost of firewood, the supplier selflessly donated it to the woman. The officers then delivered the firewood to her home, ensuring she could stay warm.
February 1, 2024	Foster Care	Entering the foster system can feel like a hopeless situation for a child and that's why one North Carolina organization is building free homes for foster families in an effort to keep siblings together in their own home communities. <i>Fostering Hope</i> helps build community support for foster parents and ultimately works to keep families together.
February 5, 2024	Finding a Lost Wedding Ring	In a remarkable display of dedication and teamwork, a South Carolina Sanitation Crew dumped its entire garbage truck load on the ground to find a woman's diamond ring!
February 7, 2024	Walk for Cancer	When three young sisters learned that their mother was diagnosed with breast cancer back in 2017, they knew what steps they had to take to helpand it started with their two feet! Sisters Samantha, Lauren, and Emilie Scalise organized the 2.7-mile <i>Stride for Survivors Walk</i> as a tribute for their mother, Stephanie, and as a way to help other families gain access to life-changing resources!
February 9, 2024	Child Rescue	The Auburn Massachusetts Police Dept. announced the rescue of a missing 12-year-old child in the freezing cold, thanks to the heroic efforts of K9 (canine) named Biza!
February 12, 2024	Trapped Dog Rescue	In a heartwarming rescue off the coast of Texas, a U.S. Coast Guard team discovered an unexpected passenger during a routine inspection of shipping containers. The team couldn't believe their ears when they heard scratching sounds coming from one of the containers. As they opened it up, a small furry face poked its head out – a DOG was trapped inside!
February 13, 2024	Free Prom Dresses for Young Ladies	A Texas church has made it easier for hundreds of girls to participate in their high school's prom night by allowing them to choose a gown from among thousands, all for free.

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February 14, 2024	Valentine's Day Widow Outreach	A North Carolina woman is celebrating Valentine's Day by delivering hundreds of flower arrangements to widows.
February 16, 2024	Waitress Given Generous Gift	In just an extraordinary display of kindness and generosity, a customer left a staggering \$10,000 tip for a waitress at a Cafe in Benton Harbor, Michigan!
February 20, 2024	Staff Appreciation Trips	Sometimes one just knows when God blesses oneself with a wonderful staff. And that's the case for restaurant owner in New Hampshire she's showing her appreciation for her employees by taking them on vacations every year.
February 22, 2024	Assisting Rescue Animals	A pilot is giving rescue dogs a "golden ticket" out of overcrowded shelters with a new lease on life.
February 26, 2024	A Miracle Recovery	A mother's love sparks a miracle, helping a woman wake up from a 5- year coma.
February 29, 2024	Leap Day Celebration	A group of people born of Leap Day bonded online and now they're embarking on a cruise to celebrate their birthdays.
March 1, 2024	Puppy Rescue Results in Services	A small puppy dumped on the side of the street now has a future as a beloved service dog.
March 4, 2024	Police Assistance for the Needy	A Police Officer arrests a delivery driver, and then goes out of his way to finish delivering his order.
March 6, 2024	Battling Loneliness	A Utah senior center is battling loneliness with a 60,000-piece jigsaw puzzle.
March 7, 2024	Library Fee Forgiveness	A pet-friendly initiative is taking a Massachusetts community by storm. The Worcester Public Library just introduced "March Meowness: Felines for Fee Forgiveness."
March 8, 2024	K-9 Rescue	A terrifying search for a little boy in Michigan ended with a joyful reunion, thanks to a canine (K9) hero.
March 11, 2024	Kindness to Neighbors	An anonymous coffee lover demonstrated love for his neighbors by paying for \$4,000 worth of coffee and doughnuts.
March 13, 2024	Aiding the Homeless	In a heartening display of compassion, a Georgia police officer is being honored for his selfless act towards a homeless man out in the cold.
March 16, 2024	Starting A Prayer Wall for Youth	At Whitley County High, the issues of mental health and suicide had become a growing concern among the students, including "Sophy." Sophy is a member of the student-led Christian organization, <i>First</i> <i>Priority</i> , and so she started a prayer wall to encourage herself and her friends after watching a popular trend on social media.
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March 18, 2024	Unexpected	A man with no car and no furniture passed away with a big secret,
	Generosity to	leaving his small town with millions.
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March 21, 2024	Tornado Relief	Three teams from a Cincinnati relief organization have responded to
	Effort	the areas devastated by tornadoes.
March 25, 2024	Student Adoption	A student was adopted by her principal after getting suspended.
		Kentucky Middle School principal, Jason Smith, opened his heart and
		home to a troubled student, changing the trajectory of her life.
March 27, 2024	Sanctuary for Urban	Amidst the bustling streets of Harlem, a small storefront serves as an
	Families	oasis for children and families. Grandma's Place is a quaint book and
		toy shop, which thanks to its owner, Dawn Martine, has become a
		beacon of hope and community!
March 29, 2024	Autistic	An entrepreneur with autism is inspiring others with his pretzel
	Entrepreneur	business. Marcus Moore, a business owner in Annapolis, is inspiring
	Inspires	people with autism and other disabilities. Marcus started his business
		"Moore Crunch" last October for two simple reasons: he likes snacking
		and he likes pretzels.