

Issues and Programs Report

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- **Issue: Building Strong Families**

Summary: Family breakdown in our community is an important issue that affects the community in general. Programming that focuses on family relationships and investing in individuals is aired to help counteract the continuing decay of the family unit.

Programs:

- **Focus on the Family, “Navigating the Middle School Years”**
Cynthia Tobias and Sue Acuña address why the middle school season of parenting is challenging and how parents can adapt to the changes in an effective way. Emphasis is made of the importance of keeping communication open through listening, observing and understanding.
Aired: 10/17/2023, 3:05AM, 7:10AM, & 6:30PM, 28 minutes length
- **Focus on the Family, “Modeling Generosity for Your Children”**
“Generosity” isn’t just about money. In this upbeat talk, Brad Formsma explains how to have a giving mindset, and shares the importance of modeling generosity to your children. It goes beyond money: you can be generous with your thoughts, your words, your time, your influence, your attention, and your stuff. Brad encourages doing “generosity projects” with your kids so that they can experience the blessings of selflessness. We’ll also hear from his son Drew on how parents can impart this message to their children in an engaging way.
Aired: 10/27/2023, 3:05AM, 7:10AM, & 6:30PM, 28 minutes length
- **Focus on the Family, “How to Stay Crazy In Love With Your Spouse”**
Greg and Erin Smalley discuss the importance of couples prioritizing time together, connecting on a deeper emotional level. They stress the importance of physical intimacy in marriage; urging men to care for their wives and encouraging women to “prepare” themselves for intimacy.
Aired: 12/4/2023, 3:05AM, 7:10AM, & 6:30PM, 28 minutes length
- **Winning at Home, “Moving Forward”**
Summary: We can get worked up and get frustrated when dwelling on things that aren't going our way. Put it in a jar and put a lid on it. When we can control that and not allow it to pull you down you really benefit because you move forward. That's the key to life.
Aired: During news at top of hour, 13 times during quarter, 60 seconds length
- **Winning at Home, “Joy Through Circumstances”**
Summary: Learn that joy is not determined by circumstances of your life. Choose to be joyful no matter the circumstances for your health and betterment.
Aired: During news at top of hour, 13 times during quarter, 60 seconds length
- **Winning at Home, “Mockers”**
Summary: If you find yourself mocking the way other people do things even in your own family stop it. People don't like being around a mocker. Explain to your kids what mocking others looks like and what a mocker means. Establish in your home you won't be like that and set an example.
Aired: During news at top of hour, 15 times during quarter, 60 seconds length

- **Issue: The Importance of the Spiritual Life**

Summary: Members of our community that have a sincere spiritual life are more likely to be better citizens and more involved in positive activities within our community. Programming that addresses the importance of a spiritual life fills this need within our community.

Programs:

- **Focus on the Family, “Becoming a Full-Time, Verbal, Visible Follower of Christ”**
Being an Ambassador for Jesus is a role each of us can play, and it’s not as difficult as you might think. In this upbeat message, Dr. Tony Evans will encourage you to become a full-time, verbal, visible follower of Christ in your everyday life.
Aired: 11/13/2023, 3:05AM, 7:10AM, & 6:30PM, 28 minutes length
- **Our Daily Bread, “Carry On The Tradition”**
Summary: For nearly 70 years Our Daily Bread has provided thought provoking, daily encouragement from God's Word. We can carry on the tradition that mother's started years ago.
Aired: During news at top of hour, 145 times during quarter, 60 seconds length
- **KOLU, “The Pastor’s Study”**
Summary: Live program that emphasizes prayer and the study of God’s word.
Aired: Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM, 30 minutes in length
- **KOLU, “Riverview Reporter”**
Summary: Live program that provides updates of events at Riverview Baptist Church and teaches spiritual lessons
Aired: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 AM, 30 minutes in length
- **Riverview Baptist Church, “The Riverview Baptist Hour”**
Summary: Live program that airs spiritual teaching messages from Riverview Baptist Church.
Aired: Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM, Sunday nights at 5:00 PM and Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM, approximately 75 minutes each.

- **Issue: News**

Summary: Keeping listeners informed of news affecting their lives is an important issue that affects our programming for our community. News programs address a variety of issues and help our listeners to be informed and better perform their civic duties

Programs:

- **SRN News**
Summary: News and public affairs programming covering a whole spectrum of national and regional issues, with a special “Christian interest” section
Aired: Top of most hours, 3 to 5 minutes total length, with 2 to 4 minutes of news content.

- **Issue: Educating our Citizens**

Summary: Keeping our listeners informed of political and civic issues is a need of our community, and we have dedicated programming time to address this need.

Programs:

- **Crosstalk, “Gender Dysphoria? Biological Integrity Initiative”**

Summary: The numbers of children dealing with gender dysphoria is off the charts. The result? A recent report out of the UK indicated over one-third of children on puberty blockers were experiencing worsened mental health. In response, the American College of Pediatricians has launched a new biological integrity initiative with the goal of exposing the dangers of transgender procedures on children. Jim welcomed Dr. Jill Simons. Dr. Simons is executive director of the American College of Pediatricians. What is gender dysphoria? Dr. Simons noted this is a “catch all” phrase that refers to a person that is uncomfortable being the sex that they are. She believes social media is contributing to this problem, but the underlying problem for those suffering from gender dysphoria is mental health. Included in such a discussion are the various medical interventions that are often utilized. One of them is puberty blockers. These are drugs used to treat medical conditions where puberty begins early (precocious puberty). Today, however, these blockers are being used to block the normal onset of puberty in order to keep the child in an immature state. Speaking of cross sex hormones, these can result in osteoporosis, diabetes, cancer, there’s a risk for heart disease and other side effects. Dr. Simons sees even earlier interventions such as dressing as the opposite sex and/or adopting a different name or using certain pronouns as harmful. She believes they set the child on a “conveyor belt” that is hard to leave. She concluded the first quarter hour by telling listeners that there are good studies showing that if children are supported properly through normal puberty and provided counseling if they need it for underlying health problems, gender dysphoria will resolve itself in up to 88% of girls and 98% of boys.

Aired: 10/4/2023, 12:00 PM, 50 minutes length

- **Crosstalk, “The Terror of Islam”**

Summary: On Saturday, October 7th, as Jews were observing their Sabbath and had just finished celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles, the terrorist group, Hamas, attacked Israel by air, land and sea. This is the largest murder of Jews since the holocaust. Anti-semitism events and rallies are taking place around the world, including right here in the U.S., while Israel’s enemies have vowed to wipe the nation off the face of the earth. Why is there such world-wide hatred for the Jewish people? If Islam is such a religion of peace, then why are they committing such atrocities...or is that the true face of Islam? Usama Dakdok is founder of the Straight Way of Grace Ministry. Islam is not a religion of peace but of terror, terror that is taught by its book, the Qur’an. This is important to remember as you stay on top of the details as this battle unfolds. As part of this broadcast, you’ll hear the following: Why do Muslims yell “Allahu Akbar” when they destroy and kill. Does Akbar mean “greater” or “bigger”? Jim provided audio clips from anti-Israel protests in London, New York City and Sydney, Australia. Usama explained the history of the Palestinians and how current protesters are quite ignorant because had they studied the Qur’an, they’d see that Allah had given the land to Moses and the Children of Israel 3,800 years ago (Qur’an chapter 5:20-26). There’s no occupation here. As Usama expressed, “How can you free people from their own land?” Historically speaking, who are the Palestinians? Does the Qur’an actually command the beheading of people along with the rape that we’re hearing about in the news?

Aired: 10/10/2023, 12:00 PM, 50 minutes length

- **Crosstalk, “In Defense of Religious & Parental Rights”**

Summary: Religious rights are under attack and it’s often happening in the public square. It’s not just religious rights, but parental rights as well where the state has become the surrogate parents and, in some instances, they’re actually pitting children against their parents. To discuss where America currently stands on such issues, Jim welcomed Brad Dacus. Brad is president and founder of the Pacific Justice Institute. The recent elections, particularly in Ohio, and the defeat on abortion there. On the national level he noted how it’s one thing for the Supreme Court to say that it’s OK to kill the pre-born, but when the people have the opportunity to decide, then the culpability goes way up. Brad has a phrase he uses. It’s “spiritual death camp.” He uses it to describe public schools and how they’re very different from years ago as they’re brain-washing youngsters, right down to the Kindergarten level. The legal recourse parents have when girls have to deal with boys in locker rooms or compete against them in sports. Private Christian schools are not immune from attack. He gave the example of a private Christian school in California that was raided by police because a few of the children were not wearing their COVID masks. They were also told that the singing of Christian songs and teaching Bible stories is not allowed in pre-schools in California. What is the role of the church in all of this?

Aired: 11/8/2023, 12:00 PM, 50 minutes length

- **The Phyllis Schlafly Report, “Equally Bad Outcomes In Math And Science”**

Kids are back in school now, but schools are not back to excellence. Our students lag far behind the rest of the world in basic learning, including a dismal ranking in the bottom third in math skills among industrialized nations with whom we compete. Math is a casualty of the Leftist takeover of education, which makes diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) more important than teaching basic skills. When schools postpone algebra to the ninth grade, students never complete the basic math they need for a STEM-related job. In their mindless push for greater diversity, New York Democrats recently dropped the words “math and science” from the name of their once-elite Math & Science Exploratory School in Brooklyn. Test scores at that middle school have plummeted from more than 95% of 7th-graders passing the math exams a half-decade ago to merely 69% passing last year. The school used to select students based on academic performance, thereby giving families an incentive to compete for admission. But under the DEI approach imposed by New York’s Democrat politicians, the renamed Exploratory School now uses a lottery to select its students, and 52% of accepted students must come from unstable, impoverished, or non-English speaking families. Math is one of the biggest casualties. The Left disliked how some groups do better at math, particularly advanced math, and this conflicts with the DEI political agenda. Math competitions are usually won by boys, for example, so prizes and awards are not inclusive. The Leftist solution is to eliminate honors and awards, lumping all the kids together in one dumbed-down math program, and the end result is less achievement. Taking away opportunities for students to excel may create equal outcomes for all, but the problem is that these outcomes are equally dismal. We must allow our nation’s students to have goals worth striving toward, which will make them not only better students, but better citizens as well. In an increasingly STEM-dominated world, creating opportunities in math and science is especially critical.

Aired: 11/8/2023, 11:03 AM and 10:03 PM, 3 minutes length

- **Issue: Education of Nation's History**

Summary: The foundation of the United States rests on many historical events and documents. Citizens in our community can perform their civic duties and obligations better when they understand the historical perspective of this nation.

Programs:

- **The Phyllis Schlafly Report, “Visionary Columbus’s Memorial in Washington”**

Today we are observing Columbus Day, a national holiday honoring Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of our country. Columbus, indeed, was one of the world’s most remarkable men. One hundred years ago, in 1912, a giant Christopher Columbus Memorial Fountain was unveiled at the front entrance of Union Station in Washington, DC, on a road appropriately called Columbus Circle. This marble and granite memorial was designed to inspire patriotism in the 90,000 people who pass through Washington’s major transportation hub every day. At the center is a statue of Columbus. Many falsehoods grew up around Columbus in the 20th century. Everybody knows that Columbus was looking for gold, but do you know why he was looking for gold? Columbus planned it to finance a crusade to take Jerusalem back from the Muslims. He was also very interested in evangelizing the natives in the Christian faith. Columbus was really the first modern man. As an explorer and discoverer, he based his work on science and reason. He surely was one of the world’s greatest sailors. He crossed the Atlantic Ocean four times in small wooden ships, without the use of modern instruments. Maybe any sailor could have let the winds carry his ships west. But what was so remarkable was that Columbus returned back to where he came from, and then returned to the same locations in the Western Hemisphere where he had landed before. It took an extraordinary navigator to do that. He discovered the New World. I have been aboard replicas of Columbus’s three ships, the Santa Maria, the Nina and the Pinta, and I am still awestruck at recalling the bravery of the men who made that journey and the leader who kept them together until they landed in the New World.

Aired: 10/9/2023, 11:03 AM and 10:03 PM, 3 minutes length

- **The Phyllis Schlafly Report, “Honoring the Sacrifice of Pearl Harbor”**

America’s great intellectual diversity often manifests as one of her greatest weaknesses, and that is that the nation is rarely unified around one idea or goal. Even the patriots who brought our nation out from under the tyranny of the British did so in spite of an estimated two-thirds of Americans who were either supportive of the British or simply indifferent to the cause of freedom. Yet, December 7, 1941 marked one of the few times in American history where nearly all Americans were united around a single cause. On that horrific day exactly eighty-three years ago, the Japanese Imperial Navy Air Service launched a cowardly surprise attack on the unsuspecting American naval outpost in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. This attack was carried out while the U.S. and Japan were in peace negotiations, before any declaration of war had been issued. As a result, 2,403 Americans, including 68 civilians, were killed. The next day, President Roosevelt delivered his renowned “Infamy” speech, and Congress voted to declare war on Japan with only one dissenting vote. Americans rallied, overcame enormous obstacles, and moved forward with a singularity of purpose. Sacrifices were made not only by those who fought and died in the field of battle, but also by ordinary citizens who bought war bonds and planted victory gardens. Entire industries shifted to produce the materials necessary to win a total war. Everyone pitched in, and America realized victory in both the European and Pacific theaters. On this anniversary of the Pearl Harbor bombing, let us commemorate those who fought and died to preserve our freedom. Let us remember those who sacrificed so the war effort could be possible. Although we should never cease to pray for peace for America in our time and our children’s, we must also train them to be willing to sacrifice for the continuity of liberty.

Aired: 12/6/2023, 11:03 AM and 10:03 PM, 3 minutes length

- **Issue: The Issues of Pregnancy and Abortion**

Summary: Our community has significant numbers of unwed pregnancies and a number of abortions every year, signs that many members of our community do not understand the significance of these issues. Programming addressing pregnancy and abortion is designed to better inform listeners regarding these issues.

Programs:

- **Focus on the Family, “Experiencing God’s Mercy After Leaving the Abortion Industry”**
Abby Johnson recounts what God has done in her life since she originally released her book *Unplanned* and her healing process since leaving Planned Parenthood. She describes how the Lord helped heal her marriage and gave her a desire for more children. She also discovered a passion to help other people leave the abortion industry like she did, and formed a ministry called *And Then There Were None*.
Aired: 12/13/2023, 3:05AM, 7:10AM, & 6:30PM, 28 minutes length

- **Issue: Adoption**

Summary: There are many children in foster care in our area that would be far better off being adopted into a loving family. Parents do not need to be perfect, but just need to care enough. Encouragement of adoption is an important issue in our area.

Programs:

- **Focus on the Family, “When God Gives You the Family You Never Expected”**
Foster parents are often called “heroes” for bringing needy children into their home, but Jillana Goble argues that they are normal people who simply obeyed God’s call to care for orphans and widows. Joined by Jean Daly, sharing from their own experiences, they describe some of the common challenges of foster parenting, such as feeling overwhelmed, not knowing how past trauma affects behaviors today, loving children and giving them back to their bio parents, dealing with extra stress in your marriage and family and being stretched out of your comfort zone.
Aired: 11/15 and 11/16/2023, 3:05AM, 7:10AM, & 6:30PM, 28 minutes length

- **Issue: Financial Literacy**

Summary: Americans ages 25-34, including those in our area, have financial behaviors that tend toward debt accumulation, and this is happening during a period of milestone events such as getting married, having children and caring for aging parents. But there is hope: more working time before retirement means that their current financial decisions have a greater impact (positive or negative) on their long-term financial security. Programming on financial literacy is intended to help those in our community to take charge of their financial future.

Programs:

- **Focus on the Family, “Empowering Women to Take Control of Their Finances”**
Deborah Smith Pegues equips women to manage finances wisely in a discussion based on her book *The One-Minute Money Mentor for Women: 21 Strategies for Financial Empowerment*.
Aired: 10/9/2023, 3:05AM, 7:10AM, & 6:30PM, 28 minutes length