

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST- WAKL(FM)
Fourth Quarter 2022 (October-December)
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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WAKL(FM), GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, for the period of October 1 – December 31, 2022. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific Standard Time.

1. SPECIAL NEEDS
2. YOUTH ISSUES / TEENS
3. PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY
4. HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Youth & Faith	Closer Look	Oct 2	7:00 pm	15 minutes	<p>GenZ Christians Surveyed On God, The Bible And Society</p> <p>GenZ Christians have questions about practical faith. They want Scripture-based solutions for the issues they face alongside their friends. “I can no longer avoid truths about racial injustice, about environmental destruction and I do not know if the Church cares about this.” For them it’s <i>pastoral</i> - not political. Monika Kelly reports.</p>
Black Youth Education & Mentoring	Closer Look	Oct 2	7:15 pm	14 minutes	<p>Tech Careers Encouraged Among Black Youth Through ‘Hidden Genius’</p> <p>The Hidden Genius Project began when five business and tech titans, all black men, partnered to mentor black boys for careers in science and technology in Oakland California. Not only do 95% of program participants graduate from high school, but many go on to head up other impactful social and educational outreaches in their communities. Kindra Ponzio talks with founding exec. director Brandon Nicholson.</p>

Teens & Human Trafficking	Closer Look	Oct 9	7:00 pm	15 minutes	<p>Help for Runaway Teens, Free Bus Tickets To Safety</p> <p>Teenagers are especially vulnerable to the evils of modern slavery. “Human trafficking is a legitimate concern for folks out the street,” says Jeff Stern, CEO of the National Runaway Safeline. More than 4-million teenagers are homeless every year, though not always by choice. “Whether it’s that they don’t feel safe in their own home, or whether they’ve been kicked out, this is not something young people generally want.” Whatever drove them to the streets, hunger inevitably awaits. Traffickers spot runaways as easy prey and sometimes offer food to bait the trap.</p>
Human Trafficking	Closer Look	Oct 9	7:15 pm	16 minutes	<p>A ‘Call To Action’: Challenging Human Trafficking Among Native American Tribes</p>
Human Trafficking	Closer Look	Oct 9 Dec 4	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Sacred Roots Farm</p> <p>What does human trafficking look like? Who is exploited and how do they regain hope? Bob Dittman talks with Sam Haupt of Sacred Roots Farm about how they are providing long term recovery, health, help and safety to women and women with children in the Atlanta region. Haupt says human trafficking is more prevalent than you think, spreading to suburbia and beyond. He also discusses how you might spot a perpetrator and those who have been victimized by human trafficking. Haupt also mentions how it has crept into the church and other places that you may think would be safe from human trafficking. (https://scaredrootsfarm.org)</p>

Teens Unplanned Pregnancy	Closer Look	Oct 16	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Young Girls Pregnant And Scared Turn To StandUpGirl.com</p> <p>Dawn-Marie Perez, executive director of StandUpGirl.com says their site stands ready to help. "Our mission is to have these girls be able to find life-affirming information through us -- and then we connect them with pregnancy centers in their neighborhood." Quick response is essential. "If you go google the word 'abortion' right now there are millions of websites that are gonna come up. Our goal is to have StandUpGirl show up on that <i>first page</i> of their google search."</p>
Special Needs	Closer Look	Oct 23	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p>Sick Children Hunt And Fish Thanks To Catch-A-Dream Foundation</p> <p>The Catch-A-Dream Foundation provides all-expense paid trips for terminally ill children who crave outdoor adventure. "Our job is to give them that opportunity to have what one child once called, a 'vacation from being sick'-- he said, 'when I'm huntin' and fishin' I don't really feel bad.'"</p> <p>Catch-A-Dream was specifically founded as a Christ-centered organization weaving the message of God's love and salvation into everything they do. Phil O'Bryan speaks with founding board member Dr. Marty Brunson.</p>

Special Needs	Closer Look	Oct 23 Nov 20	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Randy & Friends Bob Dittman talks with Becky Vinson of Randy and Friends about how they help the disabled community with inclusion within the community. Vinson says they've developed programs that help a person with disabilities, whether intellectual or physical, to gain self confidence in themselves to become a vibrant part of society. Vinson says they use a variety of tools, depending on the individual, tailoring to that person's needs. (https://randyandfriends.org/)
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Special Needs	K-LOVE's Positive People	Nov	Monthly Feature	Promo 60 seconds Podcast 12:13	<p>'A Deaf Teen Isn't Broken' - Matt Belwood Leads 'Deaf Teen Quest' Sharing Hope</p> <p>Imagine living in a world where most of the people you interact with speak an entirely different language? Matthew Belwood knows how that feels. At 16, Matt lost most of hearing and now, as the National Director of Youth for Christ's Deaf Teen Quest, his heart is for young people to know their worth in Christ. Matt says growing up, his church youth group surrounded him with love, but when they explained his deafness to others, it felt like they were saying, "He's awesome, but he has something that may be a little bit broken inside of him...these great people that are really trying to help me and protect me and love me and cherish me in my youth group kind of planted the seed inside my head that ' he's amazing, except for one thing.'" Matt emphasizes that the deaf teen isn't broken, but part of the body of Christ with great potential. Often deaf teens feel disconnected and alone during a time when there are so many mental, emotional and spiritual changes going on. More than 80 percent of deaf and hard-of-hearing teens don't have a parent who can sign or communicate with them in a direct way. Matt says with Deaf Teen Quest, "caring Christian adults</p>
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Special Needs	Closer Look	Nov 13	7:18 pm	14 minutes	<p>Can Play: Iowa Mom Helps Kids With Special Needs Play Sports, Have Fun</p> <p>Jack suffered six strokes when he was just 8 years old, which left his left him with cognitive delays, partial paralysis and 'limited ability to play.' Can Play gives kids like Jack "a place that they can come, be themselves, learn about their bodies and what their bodies can do." Rafael Sierra reports.</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/positive-people/iowa-mom-helps-kids-with-special-needs-play-sports-have-fun-podcast-34872?preview=true</p>
Special Needs	Closer Look	Dec 11	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Aim to Be3</p> <p>Jack Church spoke with Marianne Thomas, founder of Aim to be3. Aim to be3 was formed in Gainesville, Georgia to help those with special needs become more engaged and empowered in their lives thru work, community service and faith. Thomas talked about how there are a number of programs for school age children and teens but once they reach adulthood, services are few and far between. Thomas who has a special needs sister saw this first hand and started Aim to be3. The program has served over 200 individuals and continues to grow thru several initiatives including micro businesses and community service.</p>

Mental Health	Closer Look	Oct 30	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Pastor Burnout, Caring For Your Leader's Soul</p> <p>Surveys in 2021 found a sharp rise in the number of church leaders who have seriously considered leaving full-time ministry, citing debilitating stress, anxiety or depression. K-LOVE's Rafael Sierra talks with Savannah Kimberlin of Barna Group and K-LOVE's Pastor Randy who says rest and other self-care should be a <i>guilt-free</i> part of your life as a spiritual leader. [Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p>
Mental Health Children	Closer Look	Nov 6	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Atlanta Draw Change</p> <p>Jack Church spoke with Jennie Lobato, founder of Draw Change in Atlanta, Georgia. Lobato talked about how she started Draw Change back in 2009 to provide therapy and healing for children thru the use of art. Lobato shared that in her childhood there were some traumatic events where she found a safe and healing environment thru art. Later as an adult while working for an Atlanta ad agency she decided to leave the corporate world and follow her passion by starting Draw Change. The program has now served over 10 thousand children and has expanded into other cities around the United States as well as internationally.</p>

Health & Safety - Drugs	Closer Look	Nov 6	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Kids Fooled By Fentanyl, Rx Fakes Kids are getting pills that look like Xanax or Percocet online or in the locker room. Often laced with fentanyl, these deadly drugs can be 100x stronger than morphine. "It's terrifying," says Pat Aussem of the Partnership to End Addiction. Ed Ternan, co-founder of Song for Charlie lost his college-aged son to one pill and now helps other parents warn their children. "We still say 'just say no' but we spell it K. N. O. W. because many of these young victims are dying from taking a substance they didn't ask for." Bob Dittman reports.</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-kids-fooled-by-fentanyl-rx-fakes-4151</p>
Military Veterans	Closer Look	Nov 13	7:00 pm	17 minutes	<p>Disabled Vets Skydive, Drive Racecars with Ranger Road No arms? No legs? No problem! "Whether you're an amputee, double amputee, triple amputee, you're paralyzed, our skydiving, our scuba, our car races -- they are all adaptive capable." In fact, the leaders and trainers at RR events are themselves disabled vets. "Our skydiving program manager, he's an 82nd airborne guy, double amputee." Participation in these events can bring a soldier camaraderie and a renewed sense of purpose towards mental health and healing. Kindra Ponzio reports.</p>

Disaster Relief & Faith	Closer Look	Nov 20 Dec 18	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p>Convoy of Hope Marks Billions In Relief (2022 Ministry Update)</p> <p><i>“Young man, what are you doing to help the poor and suffering?”</i> Hal Donaldson was pierced to his soul by her words. <i>“Everyone can do something.”</i> Donaldson was interviewing Mother Theresa when she asked him the question that would inspire him to launch Convoy of Hope. He went home, bought \$600 groceries for hungry neighbors and in the years since 1994, the international ministry he founded has given away \$2-Billion relief supplies worldwide. Marya Morgan checks in with Ethan Forhertz, Convoy’s VP of Public Engagement.</p>
Public Safety Security	Closer Look	Nov 27	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Be Safer At Work Or Church, Thoughts On Security</p> <p>You see trouble, you hear it – now believe it. “Trust your intuition...you know when a situation is different,” says Hector Alvarez, an expert in workplace security with more than 25 years of experience in threat assessment. “One of your best bets for surviving these incidents is thinking about it before it happens.” Preparation is key says Mindi Russell, exec. dir. of the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento. “Instead of, ‘it will never happen here,’ have the mindset that if something happens, this is what we’ll do.” Bob Dittman reports.</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-be-safer-at-work-or-church-thoughts-on-security-2862</p>

Foster Care	Closer Look	Oct 16	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Hall Dawson County CASA Jack Church spoke with Janet Walden, executive director for CASA of Hall and Dawson Counties, Georgia. Walden talked about the need for CASA and how it helps give children a voice in the court system when moved into foster care. Walden talked about the qualifications to be a CASA volunteer in addition to the need for CASA volunteers in the region. Walden also talked about the history of CASA and how it was established.</p>
Family Adoption	Closer Look	Dec 4	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p>Real Talk On Adoption - Thoughts On Trauma, Dignity and Birth Parents Children separated from their biological mothers will inevitably grieve that loss. “That’s trauma, when we lose our first family,” says Jenn Hook co-founder of Replanted Ministry. Hook spent years counseling foster children as a mental health professional. “We’re not always looking at it from the adoptee’s side,” she warns, for example, repeatedly calling one’s adoption a ‘gift’ can unintentionally hurt your child. Vanessa Joy Walker is an author and lifecoach who was herself adopted as a baby. “The issues of identity and abandonment are interwoven into who I am, they are part of what I call my emotional DNA.” Billie Branham reports.</p>

Addictions	Closer Look	Dec 11	7:00 pm	13 minutes	<p>Gambling, Suicide Risk and Addiction Recovery</p> <p>Gambling addiction is a leading cause of suicide in the United States. The thrill of the bet buries vulnerable gamblers deep in debts matched only by their secret shame. But stats prove you can win recovery, as 2 outta 3 people who seek treatment are able to stop. Rafael Sierra talks with Derek Longmeier of Problem Gambling Network of Ohio and Keith Whyte of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Need to talk? Call the National Problem Gambling Helpline: (800) 522-4700. https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/dollars-and-sense/closer-look-gambling-suicide-risk-and-addiction-recovery-3518</p>
Faith & Family	Closer Look	Dec 11	7:14 pm	16 minutes	<p>Faith Of Her Father - Baby Jessica's Dad</p> <p>The unlikely rescue of Baby Jessica from a well back in 1987 remains one of the world's most watched news stories of all time. There were "multiple miracles," says her father Chip McClure, "more than you can count...God's hand was evident." In the days and months after, the family received thousands of calls and truckloads of mail from all over the world, people in personal distress who were encouraged by the McClure's faith and the good news of Jessica's rescue. K-LOVE's Jack Church talks to Chip. https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/faith-matters/closer-look-faith-of-her-father-baby-jessica-s-dad-3520</p>

Food Needs Hunger	Closer Look	Nov 27	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Gainesville Food Jack Church spoke with Jackie Powers, Executive Director for Good Samaritan Food Ministries in Gainesville, Georgia. Powers talked about how the organization now serves almost one hundred thousand people annually. Powers said with rising food, rent and fuel prices she is seeing a tremendous uptick in the number of people they are serving each month. Powers added that while demand has increased she is happy to report the Good Samaritan has been able to keep up thanks to strong ties with other non profit organizations in the area.</p>
Food Needs Hunger	Closer Look	Oct 30	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Georgia Mountain Food Bank Jack Church spoke with Kay Blackstock, Executive Director for the Georgia Mountain Food Bank located in Gainesville, Georgia. The food bank serves a five county area helping feed over fifty thousand people each year. Blackstock talked about the growing need in the community as both working families and seniors on fixed incomes are struggling to keep up with higher food, rent and fuel prices. Blackstock said at the present time they are able to keep up with the need thanks to strong community partners throughout the region. She also talked about home delivery and mobile food bank options for those with transportation issues.</p>

Poverty	Closer Look	Nov 13 Dec 18	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Helping Place Jack Church spoke with Melissa Line, Executive Director Community Helping Place in Dahlonega, Georgia. Line talked about the various programs they offer which includes a food pantry, free medical and dental care, furniture and personal hygiene products for children and adults. Line discussed how they serve just over ten thousand people each year across Lumpkin County. Line also shared success stories of people using their services while improving their lives from being on the streets to finding permanent housing and employment.
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