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## I. Minority Groups

### A. *Joy in Living*

Mrs. Mina Oglesby

A program designed to encourage and disciple ladies in the faith. Topical lessons and in-depth Bible studies are taught by mature women who love the lord. This fifteen-minute program airs at the following times:

Saturday	2:30 -2:45 a.m. 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.
Sunday	11:30 – 11:45 p.m.

## II. The Family

### A. *This Is the Day*

A hosted broadcast with inspirational music and timely comments to help families face each new day. *This Is the Day* airs at the following time:

Host:	Mr. Craig Mattson
Monday-Friday	6:05 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

### B. *Family Prayer Time*

A time set aside to encourage listeners to pray for various aspects of life each day. The host shares a thought and then leads the listeners in prayer about a particular subject. Many listeners are able to take a part through prayer and receive a blessing by developing a stronger prayer life. *Family Prayer Time* airs at the following time:

Host:	Dr. Dan Rushing
Monday-Friday	1:05 p.m.-1:15 p.m.

### C. *Adventures from the Bookshelf*

A children's program featuring a variety of stories such as but not limited to "The Sugar Creek Gang," "The Preacher's Kids," and others. *Adventures in Drama* airs at the following time:

Monday-Friday	3:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
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### D. *Drive Time*

A hosted broadcast with delightful inspirational music and timely comments to help families as they return home in the evenings. *Drive Time* airs at the following time:

Host:	Mr. Craig Mattson
Monday-Friday	3:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

### E. *Adventures in Odyssey*

A children's program featuring stories illustrating Biblical principles. *Adventures in Odyssey* airs at the following time:

Monday - Friday	7:15 – 7:45 p.m.
Saturday	3:15 – 3:45 a.m. 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

F. *Ranger Bill*

A children's program featuring the adventures of Bill and the gang. *Ranger Bill* airs at the following time:

Saturday 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

G. *Focus on the Family Minute*

The *Focus on the Family Minute* is a daily 60-second "nugget of truth" taken from the daily 30-minute *Focus on the Family* radio broadcast. Hosted by Dr. Bill Maier, the "Focus on the Family Minute" features the very best of "Focus on the Family" tips for building strong families. *Focus on the Family Minute* airs at the following time:

Monday-Friday 8:15 – 8:16 a.m.  
 4:30 – 4:31 p.m.  
 11:45 – 11:46 p.m.

Saturday 6:30 – 6:31 a.m.

Date	Guest	Issues
10/2	Dan Dupee	Asking good questions
10/3	Eric Metaxas	The world of pamphlets
10/4	Eric Metaxas	A beautiful balance
10/5		Crossing into her yard
10/6	Brian Holman	Dink, dink, dink
10/7		Re-evaluating your approach to family relationships. Be aware when requests of family members turn into demands
10/9	Mark and Susan Merrill	The most important words
10/10	Michael Anderson / Timothy Johanson	The bike
10/11	Michael Anderson / Timothy Johanson	Just fall in love
10/12	Benjamin Watson	Solutions to racial reconciliation
10/13	Benjamin Watson	Solutions to racial reconciliation
10/14		An illustration of repentance and forgiveness that emphasizes learning lessons from our children
10/16	Terrie Morrow	Her future is yours
10/17	Dr. Joneal Kirby / Lisa Anderson / Ashley Bazer / Eva Daniel	Pivotal points in life
10/18	Tom & Sandy Ralya	Speak the truth
10/19	Tom & sandy Ralya	Performance-Oriented Christianity
10/20		Broken family" values—God brings beauty to the broken. God is near to the broken hearted
10/21		Learning to let go and follow you husband's lead. Encouragement to reduce conflict and have a stronger marriage
10/23		The gift of a child with special needs and what they teach others

10/24	Emily Colson	Out of love for us
10/25		God loves you as you are. See yourself as God sees you.
10/26	Elisa Morgan	Nothing to sneeze at
10/27		This beautiful gift of marriage
10/28		The best way to teach kids to stand up is to allow them to fall down so they learn how to get back up on their own two feet.
10/30	Gary Thomas	Staying curious-the key to long lasting romance in marriage & The Why of Marriage
10/31	Gary Thomas	Encouragement to remember the reason you married each other
11/1		The reality of parenting (and foster parenting) is not like what you see on TV. It requires prayer and work and God's plan is never "Plan B."
11/2	Jill Savage	We're working on this
11/3	Tom & JoAnn Doyle	Into the roar
11/4		Encouragement for married couples who may be wondering what happened to the person they married to look back and remember the reason you married each other in the first place. (I inadvertently labeled this as 10/31/17 when I sent it to you last week).
11/6	Joe Kennedy / Kelly Shackelford / Kristen Waggoner	Be that example
11/7	Levi Lusko	Garbage in garbage out
11/8	Levi Lusko	Levi Lusko explains how the choices you make today affect your future
11/9	John Smithbaker / Scott MacNaughton	There's a different way
11/10	John Murphy	On the shoulders of Jesus
11/11		Advice for newlyweds on ways to love your new in-laws.
11/13	Todd Cartmell	The respect-privilege connection - An illustration on how to help your teen learn respect.
11/14	Todd Cartmell	An effective plan - he explains how you can coach your child to handle their emotions
11/15	Steve Arterburn / David Stoop	This is my burden
11/16	Steve Arterburn / David Stoop	We have work to do
11/17	Erin Smalley / Eva Daniel	Open heart in communication - Advice for taking a personal timeout when having

		conflict with your spouse and approaching your spouse with an attitude of grace.
11/18	Jim Duggar	Advice from Jim Duggar on how we handle our mistakes with our children
11/20	Shannon Guerra	Parents are safe
11/21	Kara Durbin	Teaching Scripture to our kids. There's a generational impact when you help your children memorize and apply Bible verses to daily life.
11/22	Mike Bechtle	A product of everything - Before you judge someone else, consider what might be causing the behavior, and offer grace.
11/23	R.T. Kendall / William Federer / Susie Larson / Joni Eareckson Tata	He like to hear it - Do you tell God when you're grateful? Dr. R.T. Kendall reminds us that we should.
11/24	Phil Vischer	Two different holidays
11/25		We fall short in loving our spouses without God's help to do so.
11/27	David & Jan Stoop	How Astute -
11/28		Praying with your wife keeps you connected
11/29		God, like a father, loves his children and carries his children through difficult times, giving them time to process
11/30		Suffering can have a positive impact on you. When things are darkest, it's the easiest to see God
12/1	Sadie Robertson	Confidence in God - Sadie Robertson talks about how she learned to find her confidence in God.
12/2		Handling the difficult times in marriage by having an open heart to foster long-lasting love. An illustration of a wife asking for forgiveness for a cold heart.
12/4	J. John	322 prophecies - British evangelist J. John reflects on the numerous Biblical prophecies about Jesus.
12/5	J. John	Ian Isn't Going to Help You - British evangelist J. John talks about a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.
12/6	Kimberly Wagner	A Fierce Woman - Kimberly Wagner describes the qualities of a <i>fierce</i> woman.
12/7	LeRoy Wagner	Needed to Die - LeRoy Wagner shares that humility is crucial for a strong marriage.
12/8	Deborah Pegues	A Divine Perspective - Trust God with your past and know that He uses all things for good.

12/9		Advice to listen to your wife and show your love in ways she will appreciate.
12/11	Jeramy / Jerusha Clark	Discernment and Compassion - It's crucial for you to know when to push into your teen and when to back off.
12/12	Jeramy / Jerusha Clark	All This Extra Testosterone - Jeramy Clark offers some insight into why anger sometimes takes control of your teen.
12/13	Kim Meeder	In the Fiery Furnace - Kim Meeder shares how God will meet you in your times of need
12/14	Kim Meeder	In the Fiery Furnace - Kim Meeder helps us answer the question, "what does God want me to do today"...
12/15	Shaunti Feldhahn	Appreciate the Dishwasher - Shaunti Feldhahn talks about finding ways to show your spouse love in the way <i>they</i> best receive it will make a difference in your marriage
12/16		Advice to not rely on physical appearance but to look for Godly character when choosing a mate.
12/18	David Clarke	Couple Talk Time - Dr. David Clarke suggests a simple way you can be more intentional in communicating with your spouse
12/19	David Clark	Men Have No Memory - Men should take some notes throughout the day in order to have talking points later in the day to share a conversation with your wife
12/20		Talk about Character - There is a lack of heroes in our culture. We need to talk about character and learn to tell the difference between good character and bad character.
12/21	Eric Metaxas	A Mystical Experience - The quiet call of God in your life--following God is not a mystical experience. God will lead us if our heart is open to seeking His direction
12/22	Liz Curtis Higgs	Nothing Is Impossible - : Encouragement that God can do anything. When we face impossible situations remember that God can do the impossible
12/23		Proper response of a wife to husband losing a job and encouragement to come together during tough financial times.
12/25		DID NOT AIR - Special all Christmas programming
12/26		Power to confront and defeat sin in our lives. God takes the guilt and the shame of sin but also the history of sin.

12/27		Repentance that brings glory to God. A true Christian is one who repents and brings glory to God.
12/28		Illustration from the Song of Solomon about cherishing your spouse and loving them for who they are and not comparing them to anyone else.
12/29		Being curious is the key to cherishing your spouse. Rediscover your spouse every day as you discover the changes that affect him or her.
12/30		Keep your priorities in order. Determine what your purpose in life is and make time for what's truly important.

I. *Lamplighter Moments*

*Lamplighter Moments*, is a daily two-minute program where Mark Hamby gives practical insights on culture, parenting, teens, marriage, education and more. *Lamplighter Moments* airs at the following time:

Monday-Friday	5:15 – 5:17 a.m.
	8:15 – 8:17 p.m.
Saturday	6:30 – 6:32 a.m.

Date	Issues
10/2	<b>Eucharist</b>
10/3	<b>The Art of Spear Throwing</b>
10/4	<b>Small Defeats</b>
10/5	<b>Jonah and the Cows-I</b>
10/6	<b>Jonah and the Cows-II</b>
10/7	<b>The Art of Spear Throwing</b>
10/9	<b>Missing Ring-I</b>
10/10	<b>Missing Ring-II</b>
10/11	<b>Still Small Voice</b>
10/12	<b>Idols of the Heart</b>
10/13	<b>Wandering Memories</b>
10/14	<b>Missing Ring-II</b>
10/16	<b>Reestablish The Image Of God On The Earth</b>
10/17	<b>Be Still, And Know That I Am God</b>
10/18	<b>The War Of Words</b>
10/19	<b>Dancing Daughters Of Shiloh</b>
10/20	<b>Kingly Preparation-III</b>
10/21	<b>Be Still, And Know That I Am God</b>
10/23	<b>Love That Grows Cold</b>
10/24	<b>Disconnected Holidays</b>
10/25	<b>Cars For Sale?</b>
10/26	<b>Catcher In The Rye</b>
10/17	<b>Too Close for Comfort-I</b>
10/28	<b>Disconnected Holidays</b>

10/30	<b>Too Close for Comfort-II</b>
10/31	<b>Are You Reading Twaddle To Your Children?</b>
11/1	God's Adversaries
11/2	Kingly Preparation-I
11/3	Hedged Words
11/4	<b>Are You Reading Twaddle To Your Children?</b>
11/6	Romans 16 - Part-1
11/7	Romans 16 - Part-2
11/8	Little By Little
11/9	Wherever Two or Three are Gathered'or One
11/10	Promises, Promises
11/11	Romans 16 - Part-2
11/13	Six Minutes
11/14	Leaving Behind The Rubbish
11/15	Devastating Delays that Heal Daughters
11/16	Lightening Bugs
11/17	Work: An Eternal Perspective
11/18	Leaving Behind The Rubbish
11/20	<b>Wild Goose Chase-I</b>
11/21	Wild Goose Chase-II
11/22	Wild Goose Chase-III
11/23	Wild Goose Chase-IV
11/24	Wild Goose Chase-V
11/25	Wild Goose Chase-II
11/27	Swallowing Pride
11/28	Help is Just Around the Corner or Over the Hill
11/29	Shouts of Joy or Miserable Silence
11/30	Passionately Pliable
12/1	Anger And Humility
12/2	Help is Just Around the Corner or Over the Hill
12/4	Unexpected Redemption
12/5	Sorrowful Curse
12/6	Strength for Today; Bright Hope For Tomorrow
12/7	The Unfairness Doctrine
12/8	Visionary Leadership
12/9	Sorrowful Curse
12/11	Anointed With Oil-I
12/12	Anointed With Oil-II
12/13	Anointed With Oil-III
12/14	Quit Ye Like Men
12/15	Let God's Creatures Be The Teachers
12/16	Anointed With Oil-II
12/18	Ignorance, Innocence, And Inevitable Consequences
12/19	In Due Time
12/20	Do Hard Things
12/21	Masonry Daughters-I
12/22	Masonry Daughters-II
12/23	In Due Time



12/25	Pre-empt for Special Christmas Programming
12/26	Liar, Liar Your Pants Are On Fire-I
12/27	Liar, Liar Your Pants Are On Fire-II
12/28	The Rest of God-I
12/29	The Rest of God-II
12/30	Liar, Liar Your Pants Are On Fire-I

J. *Crosstalk*

A live one-hour national call-in program, *Crosstalk* covers the issues that affect our world, our nation, our families and the Christian church from a perspective centered in the Word of God. *Crosstalk* airs at the following time:

Monday-Friday

2:00 – 2:55 p.m.

Issues covered during this quarter:

Date	Issues	Speaker(s)	Description
10/2	Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act	Jim Schneider / Brad Mattes	<p>Tomorrow, the U.S. Congress will be voting on legislation called the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (HR-36) that's designed to reduce the number of abortions.</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss this legislation was Brad Mattes. Brad is the president and CEO of Life Issue Institute headquartered in Cincinnati. Their mission is that of assuring through education, equal protection under the law for all living humans from the beginning of their biological life at fertilization until natural death.</p> <p>Brad began by noting that the 60 million abortion figure (pre-born killed since 1973) is the population of several states in our nation today...and they've just vanished. While the numbers are dropping, we're still killing close to 3,000 per day. Who among those aborted would be those who may have found cures for diseases or might have come up with great inventions. God had a purpose as well as blessings for each of those lives and man has cut that short.</p> <p>HR-36 prohibits any abortion after 20 weeks (5 months) of pregnancy because the baby can feel the excruciating pain of the procedure. However, Brad made it clear that babies feel pain before 20 weeks and there's a wider body of scientific evidence that proves it. In fact, a handful of states have passed similar legislation and the pro-aborts have yet to challenge it in the courts, as Brad feels they may be afraid of what the results might be.</p> <p>Why not stop all abortions? Brad admitted they just don't have the support in Congress but he does feel the support does exist in the House. Polling consistently shows that Americans support ending abortion after 5 months.</p> <p>HR-36 will save at least 18,000 babies per year. Along with that is the anguish of an abortion that is often felt by the women and the men as well as the circle of family and friends around them. Later on as the woman goes through pregnancy there's increased chance of complications including sterility and even death, so Brad believes it's important to take this first step so that we can begin to pull back the reigns of abortion on demand.</p> <p>Jim noted that it's been reported by at least one pro-life source that spoke with President Trump that he's in favor of signing HR-36 into law. This was part of what he promised to do as a candidate running for president.</p> <p>As this program moved along, Jim had Brad comment on the following:</p> <p>--How do we prevent the problem of legislation passing the House but then getting bottled up in the Senate, even with the Republican majority? Should we</p>

			<p>abandon the filibuster?  --On December 12th, Republican Roy Moore will face off against Doug Jones for the Senate seat of Jeff Sessions. Jones has been quoted as saying that he's for the right to life once the child is born. Before that, he supports abortion up to the day of birth.  --Anti-life efforts in Illinois, Oregon, Kentucky and Indiana and pro-life legislation in Texas.  --The Maryland Coalition for Life announced that as of last week the Germantown Reproductive Health Services and Prince George's Health Services permanently closed.  --A Planned Parenthood abortion chain in Delaware is planning on offering pre-natal services for unborn babies that won't be aborted.  --Is the FBI about to launch a probe against Planned Parenthood?</p>
10/3	The Battle for Trump's Foreign Policy	Jim Schneider / Soeren Kern	<p>Joining Jim to discuss the war that's going on over President Trump's foreign policy was Soeren Kern. Soeren is a distinguished senior fellow of the Gatestone Institute, a non-partisan, not-for-profit international policy council and think-tank dedicated to educating the public about the institutions of democracy and the rule of law, human rights, a free and strong economy, a military capable of insuring peace at home and in the free world, energy independence and ensuring the public stay informed of threats to our individual liberty, sovereignty and free speech.</p> <p>What do we know about the beginnings of the internal war within the Trump administration, particularly over foreign policy?</p> <p>Soeren believes it began when Michael Flynn, the first national security advisor, resigned. The team that he'd put into place was ideologically in line with Trump's campaign promises. However, after Flynn left, all those he'd appointed, particular in the National Security Council, had been purged. Now we have a situation where the entire Trump foreign policy team is opposed to the ideological promises the president made during his campaign.</p> <p>Ironically, the problem is compounded by the fact that President Trump has children involved in the White House. His daughter Ivanka, along with Jared Kushner, are really New York liberals who don't share the conservatism of the president. They've brought in individuals of their own so that now the White House is completely staffed by those opposed to those things that the president campaigned on, especially those things related to foreign policy.</p> <p>Soeren sees President Trump as being so besieged that he's looking for some kind of domestic success that can propel him forward but that's causing the issue of foreign policy to fall by the wayside in a dangerous way.</p> <p>Then there's the issue of Army Lieutenant General H.R. McMaster who came in to replace Flynn as national security advisor. Soeren sees him as the embodiment of 'the swamp'. The problems with McMaster appear to be many. For example:</p> <p>--He sees no connection between terrorism and Islam.  --He sees groups like ISIS as perversions of Islam. He's also been able to get President Trump to stop referring to radical Islam as Islamic terrorism in his speeches.  --McMaster is no friend of Israel which has prevented the president from keeping his promise of moving our embassy from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem.  --McMaster has also convinced the president to renew the Iran deal twice even though we know that Iran is not in compliance.  --The president promised to take a hard-line on China, but McMaster has prevented him from fulfilling this promise as well.</p> <p>Since the purging of nearly all individuals within the National Security</p>

		<p>Council under Flynn, the replacements have included those who are committed to perpetuating the foreign policy plans of the Obama administration.</p> <p>Why is President Trump allowing this? Soeren believes it's due to the fact that the president is a 'foreign policy neophyte' and doesn't have much foreign policy experience. So he feels the president has placed an inordinate amount of trust in military officers. In the end, Soeren wants to wait until the president's final biography has been written and how that treats the final decision making process of the Trump administration because until that time, we really won't know what's going on.</p> <p>Are the president's views on Islam changing? Will he have any domestic success? Who is Yael Lempert and how has she been helping to thwart the Trump administration? How does Secretary of State Rex Tillerson play into all of this?</p> <p>After hearing the answers, Jim noted, 'It's almost like a self-imposed coup as it relates to his foreign policy by putting into place those who are working, actually, to subvert his own policies.' This caused Soeren to address the issue of the power of the intelligence agencies in America. They collect so much information on many people and therefore can leak derogatory items about those they don't like. He noted the CIA's role in leaking documents regarding General Michael Flynn that made him untenable. So Soeren blames the CIA for usurping the role of the elected president regarding the implementation of U.S. foreign policy.</p>
10/4	Obamacare: Where Do We Go From Here?	<p>Jim Schneider / Twila Brase</p> <p>Twila Brase is the president of the Citizens Council for Health Freedom and a certified public health nurse. Twila not only has testified before state legislative bodies but also meets with members of Congress.</p> <p>For several years, House and Senate leadership have been telling us that they would repeal Obamacare. Time and time again we'd see legislation introduced which more or less reworked Obamacare but these efforts didn't seem to represent the repeal that was promised. We were also told that a reconciliation vote by a simple majority would be needed to take place by September 30th or it would be too late as a new fiscal year began October 1st.</p> <p>So where do we go from here? We no longer have a secretary of health and human services. Should we just sit by and wait for the collapse to take place? Should the House and Senate do things to prop up Obamacare? Is there any hope of repeal?</p> <p>Twila believes there are some legislators who want to repeal Obamacare but of the bills that were put forth that appeared to be designed to do that, none of them were an actual repeal. Instead, they were different examples of the federal government giving some power back to the states but in reality, federal strings would still have been attached.</p> <p>Since a bill truly designed for repeal was never put forward, all that happened was pieces were manipulated and that resulted in arguing. Twila believes that a real repeal would have forced members to put a vote down and then be judged on the basis of whether they really wanted to repeal Obamacare or not. Since that never happened, she thinks it's pretty clear that Congress and the Senate have no interest whatsoever in repealing the Affordable Care Act.</p> <p>According to Twila we're never in a place where nothing can be done. Legislators have to have the will which right now they don't seem to have. Republican Lamar Alexander is working with Democrat Patty Murray. He wants one year of cost sharing reduction subsidies and she wants 2 years. Those are the subsidies that the House sued President Obama for paying because in Obamacare there's no money for those subsidies.</p> <p>President Trumped still hasn't dropped his lawsuit. If Trump were to drop the appeal and stop paying the subsidies, that would not destabilize the market as some Republicans think it will. It would force the states to reopen their legislatures and come in for special sessions so that they can take back control of health care in their states at which point they can begin to offer truly affordable, catastrophic coverage for everyone. The states can do this by standing under the 10th Amendment because they</p>

			<p>know the Trump administration won't sue them for giving people something Obamacare won't allow. The problem is, Congress appears to be unwilling to let this destabilization happen so that states can reassert control.</p> <p>As this broadcast continued, listeners had a chance to find out what happened to the repeal efforts by looking back and hearing what Mitch McConnell and Paul Ryan had to say. Twila followed with comment by summarizing that neither of these men are planning a real appeal or for the federal government to get out of health care as they should.</p>
10/5	The Debate over Gun Control	Jim Schneider / Jordan Stein	<p>This week's tragedy in Las Vegas has once again brought up the subject of gun control. Many are now asking "What legislation could have been passed to stop this?" Yet, the bigger question remains "Is gun control the real answer?"</p> <p>Jim's guest today is Jordan Stein with Gun Owners of America, a grassroots organization representing gun owners and activists. He also assists GOA's advocacy on Capitol Hill.</p> <p>Jim began by asking Stein "Are guns to blame for this atrocity? Very quickly Stein answered "No." He said that "just like cars are not responsible for (traffic) accidents, guns should not be blamed for killing another person." While owning a gun is a legal right in this country, Stein points out that just having a gun does not "guarantee" ones safety. Stein makes a reference that in 2013, the Obama Center for Disease Control reported that guns were used more often to save lives than to take lives. Stein also says that understandably emotions are very high right now, but Americans need "stand firm on our founding principles." To take action against gun ownership only insures that the "bad guys" will have the upper hand. Stein says "no law could have stopped this guy (Vegas shooter)." "This shooter past three background checks. Criminals don't care about the law." Stein mentions how in Chicago, Illinois (where gun laws are many) gun deaths remain the highest in the nation.</p> <p>Much more is discussed in today's Crosstalk including gun bump stocks (used in the Vegas killings). While these are approved by the government, there is a push to legislate. Even the NRA has called for a federal review, suggesting new rules but, Stein says "no rules, regs or bans on bump stocks."</p> <p>Also discussed is the Hillary Clinton tweet (shortly after the Vegas shooting) regarding gun silencers (suppressors). Stein says such tools are really "overblown and misrepresented in movies." Jim shares a small soundbite of a gun with a silencer and one without - the audio confirms that there is really not much difference. Stein also comments about the flood of Hollywood stars (and others) blaming law makers for not getting rid of guns. He calls this "ironic" as so many of them profit greatly from motion pictures which portray gun violence.</p> <p>Finally, Jim takes calls, comments and questions regarding a Hearing Protection Act, Australia's gun "buy back" program (which Stein calls "confiscation") and other state constitutional gun carry laws.</p> <p>Jordon Stein is the Director of Communications for Gun Owners of America.</p>
10/6			<b>Pre-empted for Share-a-thon Programming</b>
10/9	Halloween: The Dark Side	Jim Schneider / Dr. David Brown	<p>Jim began by mentioning a Fox Business article that contains information from the National Retail Federation. The article noted that consumers are expected to spend a record 9.1 billion dollars on costumes, candy and pumpkins for Halloween. The average consumer is expected to spend just over \$86 to gear up for this holiday. This year, a record number of adults (48%) say they even plan to dress up in costume.</p> <p>Even churches have adopted Halloween into their church programs with parties and celebrations. Some call them 'harvest parties' but people still dress up in costumes, give out candy and bob for apples. Many Christians believe it's just harmless fun.</p> <p>Is this truly 'harmless fun' or is there more to it. What does the Bible indicate? Joining Jim to discuss this was Dr. David Brown. Dr. Brown is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oak Creek, WI. He holds a masters degree in theology and PhD in history, specializing in the history of the English Bible. He's also the president of Logos Communication Consortium, a research organization that produces a large variety of</p>

			<p>materials warning Christians of present dangers in our culture.</p> <p>According to Dr. Brown, Halloween has always been an occult holiday. It goes back to two great fire festivals. One is May Eve and the other is November Eve which is October 31st. It was in honor of the lord of death and evil spirits. People thought they needed to appease this lord in order to not have him come and attack their farms, animals and crops.</p> <p>Our early Pilgrim/Puritan forefathers disallowed Halloween because they knew of its occultic roots. In 1845/1846 the Irish potato famine took place. They were heavily into the worship of the pagan gods and goddesses that go all the way back to Baal worship. As Irish immigrants came to the U.S., they brought this celebration of Samhain with them. It was relabeled later as a result of the Roman Catholic Church changing their All Hallows Day to All Hallows Eve and hence, Halloween.</p> <p>As this program progressed, Jim had Dr. Brown describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--The origin of dressing up in costumes.</li> <li>--The origins of trick or treat and Jack O' Lanterns.</li> <li>--The significance of black cats.</li> <li>--The harm of Halloween.</li> <li>--The heroes of Halloween.</li> <li>--Is there a Harry Potter connection?</li> <li>--What's the history behind Dracula?</li> </ul>
10/10	Scripture vs. Rosary Rallies	Jim Schneider / Mike Gendron	<p>The Bible warns us to be aware of false teaching and false doctrine. It warns about those who preach another gospel which is not a true gospel. This broadcast will make you aware that Saturday, October 14th, there will be 21,570 Rosary Rallies to blanket America. It is stated that they will, '...pray the Rosary in public and beg God and the Blessed Mother to save America. The rallies refocus people on the urgency of the Blessed Mother's call to conversion given 100 years ago at Fatima, Portugal, and beg God to save America from the unimaginable new levels of sin and chaos in society.'</p> <p>Does the Bible tell us to pray to Mary? Can Mary save America? How do the doctrines being promoted by this event line up with the teaching of Scripture?</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss this topic was Mike Gendron. For over 30 years, Mike was a devout Roman Catholic and was taught to rely upon the authority of the church. He followed the priests, the sacraments and was depending upon his own good works for salvation. However, in 1981, after attending an apologetics seminar called, 'Evidence for the Christian Faith', the Bible became his sole authority in all matters of faith. As he searched the Scriptures he was amazed to see how often the Bible contradicts the teaching and tradition of the church he had been a part of for so long. Mike placed his trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and founded a ministry, Proclaiming the Gospel, that points people to Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient Savior.</p> <p>According to Mike, the Rosary gained a lot of traction in the 1500's because the Roman Catholics were victorious at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. The victory was attributed to the praying of the Rosary on the request of Pope Pius the V. This resulted in an annual feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.</p> <p>The Rosary is comprised of 50 prayers to Mary and 5 to the Father. When you recognize that Catholics are praying to Mary, and they say, 'Hail Mary full of grace...', Catholics will say they aren't praying to Mary yet that's exactly what they're doing. When one prays to Mary they're assuming she has divine attributes that allow her to be all-knowing, all-powerful and all-present.</p> <p>Jesus taught us how to pray and that includes praying to the Father. There isn't a single example of a God-fearing man praying to anyone other than God in the Bible.</p> <p>Mike covers many points related to this event and Catholicism in general. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--This year marks the 100th year since the purported apparitions of Mary</li> </ul>

			<p>at the city of Fatima (which is named after Mohammed's daughter). Is this a lying sign and wonder of the last days? Did Mary promise salvation at Fatima?  --The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington is planning to consecrate the United States to Mary. What is this about?  --The Bible tells us that an angel told Mary that she would be blessed among women. Is Mike speaking against what that angel said?  --The national coordinator for the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade is Francis Slobodnik. Due to world events, he's calling for supernatural solutions from Mary. What's wrong with that statement?</p>
10/11	Antifa: America under Siege	Jim Schneider / Trevor Loudon	<p>A resistance movement is growing that's expressing anger, outrage, rebellion against President Trump and disdain for our constitutional republic. The people in this movement have been known to dress in black from head to toe, wearing masks, wielding bats and proclaiming slogans such as 'No Trump no wall, no USA at all'. This resistance movement calls itself, Antifa.</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss this topic was Trevor Loudon. Trevor is an author, filmmaker and public speaker from Christchurch, New Zealand. For more than 30 years he has researched the radical left, Marxist and terrorist movements and their covert influence on mainstream politics. He's the producer of 'Enemies Within' and 'America Under Siege: Antifa'.</p> <p>Why is a New Zealander so concerned with what's happening in America? He believes that everyone who loves freedom understands that in order for freedom to survive on this planet, America must do well. America is the light of liberty for the world. If America goes down, New Zealand and Australia become part of the Chinese empire, Russia will dominate Europe and Iran will dominate the Middle East.</p> <p>Is Antifa merely something new that's formed since the election of Donald Trump or is this something older with a new 'wrapper'? Trevor contends it's a bit of both. In spite of the fact that many Americans believe communism is dead, Antifa has a history that goes back over 100 years to the Russian revolution. In America, Trevor described the 'Black Bloc' portion of the Occupy Wall Street movement that smashed up San Francisco's financial district during an anti-Iraq War protest around 2003. They've re-emerged and re-branded themselves as Antifa since the election of President Trump. They're borrowing the tactics, the uniforms, the symbols and emblems of European Antifa which has been a factor there since the 1990's.</p> <p>Young people are recruited to join Antifa by older leftist professors and leaders. Those joining are reminiscent of Hitlers 'Brownshirts' and Mussolini's 'Blackshirts'. They're the thugs of the U.S. 'left'; the military wing of the Democrat party. The aim is to bring down American capitalism by suppressing conservative free speech, destabilizing the nation, create as much chaos as possible and bringing America to a civil war or revolutionary situation. Trevor believes they're doing what the mainstream left would love to do but dare not do and that's to shut down their opposition.</p> <p>While Antifa does stand for anti-fascist, according to them, anyone who voted for President Trump, is a conservative Christian, who believes in the U.S. Constitution and who is a Republican or stands against communism is considered fascist.</p> <p>How can they wield so much power? Trevor indicated that the reasoning is two-fold. First of all, Antifa is backed by labor unions. Since 1995, every major labor union in America has been taken over by Marxists. We saw this when John Sweeney became the leader of the AFL-CIO. They removed the anti-communist clause from the AFL-CIO constitution and 60's radicals became union leaders.</p> <p>He also noted that most Antifa violence has taken place in places like Charlottesville, Boston, Portland and the Bay Area. What these areas have in common is that they're controlled by far-left democrat city councils and</p>

			<p>in all those places, law enforcement has been told to 'stand down' while Antifa commits its violent acts. This means that what you have is the democrat establishment in those areas encouraging Antifa violence because Antifa is suppressing their opposition.</p> <p>This has been proven as comedian Steven Crowder went undercover with some Antifa people who were discussing AK-47's, knives, weapons and violence. All of it was on tape. He took his information to several major news outlets. None were interested. Trevor believes they weren't interested because they didn't want to expose their friends.</p> <p>Antifa is openly talking about an insurrection against our federal government slated for Saturday, November 4th. Will this involve shutting down traffic via demonstrations or will it involve armed insurrection, bombs and violence? No one is sure. Find out what you can do when you get informed by reviewing this important Crosstalk broadcast.</p>
10/12	The Critical call for evangelism	Jim Schneider / John Sorensen	<p>John Sorensen is president and CEO of Evangelism Explosion International, a ministry dedicated to equipping and training believers world wide to witness for Jesus. He's the daily speaker on Share Life Today.</p> <p>John began by noting that if you go back through every one of the great tragedies in recent history, those people did not know or at least didn't think about the fact that that particular day would be their last one on earth. This should light a fire under us as believers to say what Scripture tells us, and that is the fact that today is the day of salvation.</p> <p>So how is the church doing at sharing the Gospel? John indicated that there are nations where the church is doing an amazing job. He cited mainland China as an example that in some ways mimics what we see in the book of Acts. Sadly, in the West, that's less so and perhaps that's because we're comfortable, complacent and feel we have things under control.</p> <p>Why are we like this in the West and why do we tend to keep our faith to ourselves? John indicated that we're not sure we can make a difference so we imagine there's someone better than us that can go and share. In another instance someone might feel they're afraid that if they say something they'll goof it up. Others feel the pastor is the professional evangelist and that those of us in the laity aren't really called to do that. John also described how we've taken on a universalistic mindset where we feel things are going to work out for everyone however it's going to work out. So we end up believing there really isn't a heaven or hell the way the Bible depicts it.</p> <p>John also talked about how we're really bad judges regarding where we fit into that. What he meant is that as he talks to people around the world, when he asks them if God is going to let them into heaven, almost universally people respond by claiming that God will let them in. When asked why, these individuals feel it's because they're a good person and in the end their good will outweigh their bad. He feels that sometimes those of us in the church have begun to believe that.</p> <p>Does tragedy soften hearts? John presented the example of a friend who planted a church in Las Vegas. The youth group hadn't seen any fruit in about 2 years as it relates to people giving their heart to Christ. Last Wednesday evening John's friend shared the Gospel and 7 young people gave their heart to Christ.</p> <p>How do we know that evangelism is a personal mandate for every believer? How did Evangelism Explosion get its start? What are the elements we need to share? What tools does Evangelism Explosion offer to help people share their faith in Christ? These are just some of the Gospel sharing questions that will be answered for you on this edition of Crosstalk.</p>
10/13	News Roundup	Jim Schneider	<p>From health care to North Korea to news on the economy and more, Jim presented information on many stories on this edition of the Round-Up. Here's a sample:</p> <p>--President Trump announced that he will not certify that the nation of Iran is</p>

			<p>complying with the 2015 nuclear agreements.</p> <p>--The U.S. and Israel withdraw from UNESCO over anti-Israel bias.</p> <p>--Hezbollah Chief calls for the ethnic cleansing of all Jews in Israel, the destruction of the Jewish state and told Israeli's to begin a countdown to death.</p> <p>--The U.S. Supreme Court has picked December 5th to hear arguments concerning a Colorado baker accused of violating a state regulation by refusing to promote a same-sex wedding.</p> <p>--President Trump underscores his administration's commitment to families and religious freedom during a Values Voter Summit.</p> <p>--The Department of Health and Human Services has published a draft of a new strategic plan that states that life begins at conception.</p> <p>--President Trump plans to halt payments to insurers under the Affordable Care Act immediately.</p> <p>--President Trump took executive action on health care, calling for a plan that would let employers band together and offer coverage across state lines.</p> <p>--The Trump administration has EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt begin rolling back the Clean Power Plan.</p> <p>--U.S. consumer sentiment surges to a 13 year high.</p> <p>--The U.S. Supreme Court dismisses a legal challenge to President Trump's travel ban.</p> <p>--President Trump unveils a new, strict, 70 point immigration enforcement plan.</p> <p>--President Trump nominates White House Deputy Chief of Staff Kirstjen Nielsen to be the new secretary of Homeland Security.</p> <p>--President Trump and Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis publicly refuted an NBC News report that claimed the commander in Chief wanted to drastically increase the U.S. nuclear arsenal.</p> <p>--New York Times staffer admits that the paper slants news coverage against President Trump.</p> <p>--Two key officials involved in North Korea's missile program were reportedly no where to be seen during recent public events, fueling speculation that another missile launch or nuke test could be imminent.</p> <p>--North Korea makes fresh threats to attack the U.S. territory of Guam.</p> <p>--A military official in Seoul, South Korea, said that although there is no sign of any impending provocation by Pyongyang, South Korea has detected some movement from North Korea's missile facilities and bases.</p> <p>--President Trump has dispatched a second nuclear aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt, to the Korean peninsula.</p> <p>--The U.S.S. Michigan, a nuclear powered, ballistic missile submarine, has arrived in a South Korean port.</p> <p>--Britain preparing for all-out war with North Korea.</p> <p>--Russia is accusing the U.S. of violating a peace treaty between Moscow and NATO after the Pentagon deployed a new force in the tense, Baltic region.</p>
10/16	Challenges faced by Today's youth	Jim Schneider / Carl Kerby	<p>Carl Kerby is the president and founder of Reasons for Hope. Prior to its forming, he was a founding board member of Answers in Genesis and served there for 15 years. Carl is also a former air traffic controller at Chicago-O'Hare. He is co-creator and host for the video series, 'Weapons of Mass Instruction' and presenter of the DVD series for teens, 'Demolishing Strongholds'. He is the author of 'Remote Control: The Power of Hollywood on Today's Culture', 'Absotively, Posilutely: The Best Evidence for Creation' and 'Reasons for Hope in the Mosaic of Your Life'.</p>



			<p>Carl began by noting that 6 years ago he was booked out a year and a half and ministry opportunities were 'off the charts'. However, he admitted that God had put on his heart that he wanted him to go after the younger generation and fathers. Why? 50%-88% of young people raised in the church are gone by the time they reach age 18. He wanted to look young people in the eye and tell them that God's Word is true and trustworthy. It deals with issues that they're being confronted with, therefore they don't have to be ashamed of their faith.</p> <p>What's the best way to do this? It's by remembering to teach application and not simply memorization.</p> <p>Are these issues the same for young people today as they were for those of yesteryear? Carl believes that ultimately the core issue is doubt and that's the tool that Satan has been using going all the way back to Genesis. So the tool hasn't changed but the way that the questions are being asked has changed.</p> <p>What are some of the messages today's kids are hearing? Some include: You can't trust the Bible because it's full of mistakes and errors. Why would God allow death and suffering? What about carbon dating? What about continental drift? What about aliens and U.F.O.'s? Why is homosexuality wrong if they love each other? All of these go back to a core issue of whether or not you can really trust in absolute truth. Is there an absolute authority that will serve as a foundation from which to deal with such issues?</p> <p>Are churches tending to these critical areas of need and countering the false messages? While Carl believes there are individuals who are really 'going after it', he doesn't believe it's the majority. In fact, he noted that the majority of Christian colleges won't address this issue. He sees the same attitude among Christian churches that won't address such issues for fear of offending people, fear of driving someone away, they don't feel the issue is that important or they just don't know how to deal with it.</p> <p>Jim then turned the discussion to Evolution Sunday which is celebrated by some people on the second Sunday of every February. This year we saw 13,479 clergy sign on to the Clergy Letter Project. That's the number of clergy who committed to engaging this issue.</p> <p>Jim read the 'common letter' of this effort that included the following: '...the timeless truths of the Bible and the discoveries of modern science may comfortably coexist. We believe that the theory of evolution is a foundational, scientific truth, one that has stood up to rigorous scrutiny and upon which much of human knowledge and achievement rest. To reject this truth or to treat it as one theory among others is to deliberately embrace scientific ignorance and transmit such ignorance to our children...We ask that science remain science and that religion remain religion, two very different but complimentary forms of truth.'</p> <p>In response, Carl asked how you can transform hearts if the book from which we learn about the one who can transform hearts isn't true? Science, on the other hand, changes. What gives people the right to change it? Christians have stood by and have failed to get involved and tell people they have no right to redefine terms. Science is knowledge. How do you gain that? You gain it through the scientific method. That's where you come up with an observation, a hypothesis based upon the observation, you test it, you repeat it and you verify it. There is no test that allows you to show an amoeba coming from nothing, turning into something, to grow into a worm, grow legs, crawl onto land, become an amphibian, to turn into a rat, to turn into a wolf and then go back into the ocean to become a blue whale. There's no evidence for this. It's a belief.</p>
10/17	Bible Prophecy Answer Book	Jim Schneider / Ron Rhodes	<p>Ron Rhodes is the president of Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministries, a teaching and resource ministry that specializes in defending Christianity against atheists, agnostics, skeptics, the cults, world religions and any group teaching false doctrine. Ron is the author of over 70 books, most which deal in the area of apologetics. This Crosstalk discussed his book, 'Bible Prophecy Answer Book: Everything You Need to Know about the End Times'.</p> <p>Over one-fourth of the Bible is prophetic and that one-fourth is not limited to the book of Revelation. There are prophecies throughout the Old</p>

		<p>Testament that refer to the first coming of Christ as well as the second coming. In the New Testament there are more specific prophecies about the second coming.</p> <p>Ron noted that the Old Testament prophecies that pointed to the first coming of Christ were fulfilled literally. The precedent has been set. So if you want to know how God will fulfill prophecies that deal with Christ's second coming, take a look at how God has already fulfilled prophecies in the past.</p> <p>For Ron, this means that when the Bible says there's going to be an invasion of Israel by Russia, Iran, Turkey, Libya and other Muslim nations, he believes that will literally take place.</p> <p>Also, when Scripture teaches that Christ will come and snatch believers from the earth (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17), he doesn't believe that's metaphorical, he believes that's a literal event that will take place before the tribulation period unfolds.</p> <p>He also believes that the judgments the Bible mentions are real. Everyone will have to give an account.</p> <p>Ron also commented on 'preterism'. This is the belief that Christ's second coming took place in A.D. 70. Ron disagrees with this assessment for a number of reasons: (1)--As already noted, the precedent has already been set. In other words, Christ's first coming was literal so the second coming will be as well. (2)--A third of mankind was not killed as predicted in Revelation 9:18. (3)--An invasion of 200 million from the East did not occur as predicted in Revelation 9:13. (4)--Every living thing in the sea didn't die as predicted in Revelation 16:3. For these reasons, Ron doesn't believe the allegorical approach of preterism works.</p> <p>Another important point related to the issue of preterism has to do with the dating of Revelation. Some claim it was written prior to A.D. 70, therefore they feel it must have been fulfilled in that year. Ron noted that the evidence shows it was written much later, somewhere between 90-96 A.D.</p> <p>Although Ron takes a literal approach to Bible prophecy, he indicated that this doesn't mean that we should ignore symbols. Those symbols are typically defined right in the context. He cited the example of the lamp stands that represent the 7 churches and the bowl of incense that represents the prayers of God's people.</p> <p>As this program moved along, Jim had Ron comment on the following:</p> <p>--The various signs of the times that indicate we are living in the season of Christ's return.  --Is there a difference between what the Bible refers to as 'many anti-christs', the 'spirit of anti-christ' and an actual person who is the anti-christ?  --Is there a connection between the anti-christ and the Mahdi that Muslims are looking for?  --The Bible calls the rapture a mystery. What does this mean?</p>
10/18	The Trojan Horse of Interfaith Dialogue	<p>Dalton Windsor / Shahram Hadian</p> <p>Today's Crosstalk is a special broadcast of the September 2017 VCY Rally held in southeast Wisconsin. The featured speaker was Shahram Hadian. His presentation: The Trojan Horse of Interfaith Dialogue.</p> <p>Shahram was born in Iran and raised Muslim. More importantly, Shahram was born again after hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ and receiving Jesus as His Savior and Lord. Shahram is a pastor, a former police officer, a teacher, coach, and now as the founder of the Truth in Love Project (T.I.L. for short) he travels extensively contending for the faith that saves and exposing the dangers of blending Christianity with Islam. While time does not allow Crosstalk to air the entire presentation, we do encourage everyone to obtain the DVD which covers the entire evening and features all of the power point teachings.</p> <p>Shahram starts by detailing his list of resources for the presentation, beginning with the Holy Bible (also listing the Koran, and other named</p>

			<p>works). Shahram contends that the idea of "Chrislam" (blending of Christianity &amp; Islam) is sneaking into America's churches and many are not even batting an eye - regardless of what Scriptures warn. He says that Muslims are attempting to "convert us" (Christians). Shahram explains what he sees as the "three false claims of the interfaith ecumenical movement." Of these, he explains how Christians are being "told" there is a "common word between the bible and the Koran." He also says more and more churches in America are being deceived by "evangelical leaders" who have actually signed onto a so called "Common Word" document.</p> <p>Over the course of the evening, Shahram refutes those who refute him for taking things (in their view) too far - and shares video which backs up his claims that even elders "in churches" are setting down with Muslim Imams to find common ground (the audience reaction to this is quite chilling). Shahram shares several more verses from the bible and along with them, how implementing them will bring change. He also makes a strong point that because Christians are so far away from the Scriptures today, if we will go back to teaching about our Creator God, the next generation would no longer have to be confused about their "sexuality or orientation" saying it "would go away because we would understand Who God is and how He created us." He ends with testimony and proper ways to reach Muslims with the Gospel that saves, as well as an exhortation to pray for Israel and the Church; the Church that is determined to fulfill Jesus' great commission.</p>
10/19	Atheistic and Humanistic Religions	Jim Schneider / Bodie Hodge	<p>Bodie Hodge is a speaker, author and researcher at Answers in Genesis and is a member of the editorial review board. He has been involved with many books and DVD's and is a regular speaker in the Creation Museum Speaker Series. He is the author, co-author or editor of numerous books including 'World Religions and Cults'.</p> <p>The last volume in the 3 volume set of World Religions and Cults is now out. It covers the secular and atheistic religions. This includes secular humanism, communism and dualism; religions that are widespread in our culture.</p> <p>At the start, Jim had Bodie comment on a very bold statement. Bodie believes that there are only two religions: God's and not God's. If it doesn't come from Him, one way or another, it comes through the mind of man, therefore in the end you have either the religion of God or the religion of man.</p> <p>Bodie described our situation in the West as a slow, arduous takeover by secular religions. He noted that in the past, some people felt we could leave the Bible out when it came to certain subjects, like biology, geology, astronomy, history and logic. Before long that thinking began to permeate and before we knew it, the Bible and prayer was ripped out of schools. The result is that today our culture has a humanistic, secular thrust behind it.</p> <p>Secularists and humanists will often claim they are non-religious. Bodie says if that's true, then they don't have a 'dog in the fight' when it comes to religious claims such as origins, which is a religious topic. So if someone says they believe in six-day creation, the humanist, if they're truly non-religious, should say, 'Good for you!' The problem is, they don't say that. They may claim there is no God and that everything came from a 'big bang'. In essence, this person is religious because they've elevated their thoughts above God and his Word and they've thrown the Bible out of the process.</p> <p>Is science secular or Christian? We've been set up to believe that it's either science or the Bible. Bodie believes that the Bible is the basis from which we can do observable, repeatable science. Has anyone observed or repeated the Big Bang or evolution? No. In other words, if you can't observe it and repeat it, it's not science.</p> <p>What is agnosticism, rationalism, humanism, Naziism and postmodernism? How do atheists and secular humanists justify a belief in morality, logic and reason when these things are abstract and do not fit within the confines of their materialistic worldview? These points and more are looked at on this interesting edition of Crosstalk</p>

<p>10/20</p>	<p>Vaccines: Freedom of Choice or Compulsory ?</p>	<p>Jim Schneider / Barbara Loe Fisher</p>	<p>Barbara Loe Fisher is president of the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC), a non-profit charity she co-founded with parents of DPT vaccine injured children in 1982. For over 3 decades she's led a national grassroots movement and public information campaign to institute vaccine safety reforms and informed consent protections in the public health system. She has researched, analyzed and publicly articulated the major issues involving the science, policy, law, ethics and politics of vaccination to become one of the world's leading non-medical, consumer advocacy experts on the subject. She's co-author of 'DPT: A Shot in the Dark' and author of 'The Consumer's Guide to Childhood Vaccines' as well as 'Vaccines, Autism &amp; Chronic Inflammation: The New Epidemic'.</p> <p>Barbara is keeping an eye on over 100 vaccine related bills and in 2015 and 2016 she monitored over 200 related bills. Are there common threads among these legislative efforts being put forth by the states?</p> <p>When the U.S. Supreme Court completely removed all remaining civil liability for vaccine injuries and deaths from vaccine manufacturers in 2011, the pharmaceutical companies, medical trade groups and public health lobby banded together and decided they were going to take away vaccine exemptions in America. Things began to heat up in 2015 with the Disneyland associated measles outbreak. Since then, many vaccine bills were introduced in roughly two-thirds of the states.</p> <p>The NVIC was able to defeat 29 out of 31 bills. In other words, 29 out of 31 states were able to defeat bills that took away vaccine exemptions. So in 2015 only 2 states lost the personal belief exemption. Those states were California and Vermont. Vermont still has the religious exemption and in California you can only get a medical exemption written by a doctor. This means California is in the same category as Mississippi and West Virginia with people not being able to get exemptions unless they can find a doctor to write one.</p> <p>Currently there are 8 states where bills were introduced to eliminate or restrict vaccine exemptions. Arkansas is fine for this legislative season but there are alerts out for Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas.</p> <p>In some states there were expansions of exemptions. Those states include Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Texas.</p> <p>If you're interested in protecting the exemptions in your state, Barbara suggests that you get connected with the NVIC advocacy portal at <a href="http://www.nvicadvocacy.org">www.nvicadvocacy.org</a>. You can contact your legislators through that portal and receive updates on your state as well.</p> <p>Who's behind the push for mandatory vaccinations with no exemptions? Barbara noted that it's a large lobby with a lot of money behind them. It's the pharmaceutical companies both on Capitol Hill and in many state legislatures. She also included medical trade organizations. This would include the American Academy of Pediatrics and other associations that represent doctors. Also involved is the public health lobby. This includes several large organizations that represent public health officials at the federal, state and local levels.</p> <p>The push is to have doctors or public health officials working for the state as the only sources that are allowed to give you or your child an exemption. Barbara included 'you' as in parents because the federal national vaccine plan that works with the states is moving from recommending children getting vaccinated, to adults as well. This amounts to a birth-to-death vaccination program without exemptions.</p> <p>What might the incentives be for this? Barbara cited financial incentives that are being given to the states through federal grants to increase the vaccination rate involving all CDC recommended vaccines.</p> <p>For more than 20 years, the NVIC has been warning people that we have to defend the ethical principle of informed consent to medical risk taking which includes the risk of taking vaccines. After all, they are pharmaceutical products that carry a risk of injury or death. That risk varies with each individual and doctors are unable to predict who's going</p>
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10/23	George Soros Investing in New World Order	Jim Schneider / Alex Newman	<p>Alex Newman is an international freelance journalist, educator and consultant. His articles frequently appear in The New American. He's the co-author of the book, 'Crimes of the Educators'.</p> <p>Alex has uncovered information indicating that George Soros has transferred the bulk of his wealth to his Open Society Foundations. This is a sprawling, global network of entities and front groups pushing everything from globalism and big government to abortion, racial hatred, radical politicians, nationalized police, mass Islamic migration, open borders and more.</p> <p>Soros comes from a Jewish background and at one time was in occupied Hungary. There was a time when as a young boy he was involved in helping out with the inventory and confiscation of property from Jews. In an interview he was asked if he had any guilt for stealing property from Jews. He said he had none.</p> <p>Alex believes that it's the lack of faith in God that has made Soros the man he is today. If you read his writings, he actually describes himself as a god. As such, Alex thinks Soros sees himself as someone who can command things to happen.</p> <p>Soros just transferred 18 billion dollars to his Open Society Foundations. This is about three-fourths of his total wealth. So what is the society up to? Alex discovered that Soros was putting money into Catholic groups that were advocating for abortion and homosexuality. Then during some more recent leaks, it was discovered that this went even deeper; that he was funding community organizing groups that were ostensibly Catholic and using them to try and take what Pope Francis was saying and make that the mainstream view within the church.</p> <p>This goes beyond the Catholic Church as well. Through a news outlet funded by Soros, Alex discovered that Soros was funding training programs for pastors in the nation of Georgia to teach them to become spokesmen for globalism. When you realize Soros is trying to infiltrate the Christian church and water-down or change certain teachings, he's going after the most fundamental element of who we are and he's doing it through deception, manipulation and front groups.</p> <p>Alex also noted that Soros front groups were responsible for targeting Ireland because they felt if they could get pro-life laws to fall there, that would cause a domino effect. That would allow them to get pro-life laws to fall in Poland, Malta and Latin American nations as well.</p> <p>It's a multi-pronged approach where they go after the churches, the politics, the culture and the economics. Jim has Alex cover as much of this as possible and you'll hear it all when you review this edition of Crosstalk.</p>
10/24	Article V Convention	Jim Schneider / William Federer	<p>There has been a push to amend the U.S. Constitution for the purposes of balancing the budget. Some have referred to this as a Con-Con or constitutional convention. Some have referred to it as an Article V convention or a convention of states and some have called it an amendments convention. A number of state legislatures have considered voting for an Article V convention. Some have passed such a resolution while others have not. There have been very respectable people of both sides of the matter.</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss this issue was William Federer. William is a nationally known speaker, author and president of Amerisearch, Inc., a publishing company dedicated to researching America's noble heritage. He has authored numerous books including, 'America's God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations', 'The Original 13: History of Religion in America's First Thirteen States', 'Who is the King in America?' and 'For God and Country: A Handbook for the Statesman-Citizen'.</p> <p>In his farewell address, George Washington communicated that there should be no change by usurpation (which is what judges do when they legislate from the bench). Instead, he wanted any such change to come about via the amendment process. So the idea is that the U.S.</p>

			<p>Constitution has within it a feature that allows it to evolve. However, the founders wanted to make sure that any evolution would be approved by the will of the people. This means that two-thirds of the House and Senate vote for an amendment which is then ratified by three-fourths of the states or two-thirds of the states could decide they want a convention.</p> <p>Bill doesn't have any arguments with those who want such a convention in the sense that they're brilliant scholars who understand legally how this could work. The question that he'd want to have answered before he could get behind such a convention called by the states is this: How would you keep the money of George Soros out of it when he just put 18 billion into organizations designed to affect the politics in America?</p> <p>William noted that since Barack Obama became president, we've begun to see opposition research done on all sitting congressman and senators. When combined with the use of the NSA and investigative resources, if the political parties don't like something, they leak some of the opposition research to the press. It's to the point that this doesn't take place just during campaigns, it also happens whenever a vote comes up. In other words, congressmen and senators are told that if they vote a certain way there will be a benefit for them and if they don't, any 'dirt' that's been obtained will be leaked to the press. Bill referred to it as 'the bribe or the bullet/'the silver or the lead'. It's the way gangs operate and we've been seeing this strategy implemented on the national level.</p> <p>William believes Soros will probably do background checks on every delegate to an Article V convention. He'll have money on one side to advance the careers of some politicians while those on the other side will receive threats.</p>
10/25	State of the Church	Jim Schneider / Ben Everson	<p>Ben Everson is an evangelist, a lyric vocalist, vocal coach and a clinician on a-Capella group techniques. He's a prolific songwriter as well as an accomplished recording engineer. He's been a guest lecturer at such places as Pensacola Christian College, Maranatha Baptist University, International Baptist College &amp; Seminary and other locations. He's part of the teaching faculty of Majesty Music College Seminars.</p> <p>How does Ben classify the state of the church today? If he was presenting an address on the subject would he describe the church as awake or perhaps asleep and in need of being revived?</p> <p>While explaining he wasn't trying to dodge the question, Ben believes it's both. He sees some good things going on. For example, a lot of churches are embracing things on the technological side with the truth being transmitted through the airwaves, the Internet and the social media channels.</p> <p>On the negative side, Ben sees some churches giving in to the temptation to become so intellectual, especially within leadership, that the average church member, who doesn't know how to deal with sin in their life or fix their marriage, is being left behind.</p> <p>Ben also pointed to the needs in the political spectrum, such as defending freedom of religion, contrasted with the needs of individuals. While we stand against the political movements designed to take away our freedom, we must remember that there are souls within those movements that are in need of Christ.</p> <p>Jim then described how we are the salt of the earth as well as the light of the world. Do we get to choose between those two aspects? Ben responded once again by saying it's both.</p> <p>So does Ben believe the church is out of balance? Are we so concerned with things going on in Washington that we're neglecting the spiritual side of things? Or is it just the opposite? Are we so cloistered in our churches that we're neglecting what's happening in the world?</p> <p>Ben believes churches fall on either side of that. Part of his job going in is to discern where a particular church is on that spectrum. He mentioned how there's no impact without contact. So if we don't engage others around us, how can we imagine that we'll have any impact carrying the truth to them. On the other hand, we can get so caught up in the sphere</p>

			<p>of politics that we lose touch with spiritual reality.</p> <p>As this Crosstalk progressed, Ben presented his views on challenges that pastors face today, what people can do to encourage their pastors in the faith, his thoughts on prayer, details about his book on revival, a song from his family, where he feels the church is headed, and much more.</p>
10/26	The Intolerance of Christianity	Jim Schneider	<p>You may have heard news accounts of lawsuits against Christian bakers who've been asked to use their talents to do something that violates their conscience and the Word of God. There's even been a news account of a baker receiving a strange request to make a cake celebrating Satan's birthday.</p> <p>It's incidents like these that highlight the ever-increasing intolerance of Christianity in society today, an intolerance that was predicted centuries ago by the apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 3.</p> <p>These are not just isolated incidents as Jim proved by providing listeners with the following news stories:</p> <p>--A Christian printer in Britain reportedly refused to print business cards for a transgender diversity expert claiming that fulfilling the order would go against his religious views.</p> <p>--A U.S. Appeals Court has ordered the removal of a 1925 memorial honoring the dead from WWI merely because it's in the shape of a cross.</p> <p>--The Ninth Circuit Court found a 29 foot memorial cross in San Diego unconstitutional.</p> <p>--A North Carolina veterans memorial was not only removed, but in fear of an expensive lawsuit, the city banned private citizens from flying religious flags at the memorial.</p> <p>--A decorated Air Force colonel may have his career upended because a subordinate wanted the colonel's signature approval on a spouse appreciation certificate. The colonel couldn't sign it in good conscience because the certificate was for a spouse of the same-sex.</p> <p>--Fighting for its right to say prayers over a loudspeaker before games, a Christian school in Tampa, Florida, locked into a legal battle with the Florida High School Athletic Association after reportedly asking if the football team could use the stadium loudspeaker to broadcast a pregame prayer before a state championship against a Christian rival.</p> <p>--Students at a Massachusetts high school pretended to be Muslims in the Islamic city of Jerusalem as part of a class assignment about the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.</p> <p>--Nestle removes the Christian cross from Greek yogurt packaging, joining a growing trend in Europe to abolish Christian imagery to avoid offending the sensibilities of others.</p> <p>--Bernie Sanders blasts President Trump's nominee for deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget over a religious posting.</p> <p>This is just a sample of the stories Jim presented that were followed up by comments from Crosstalk listeners.</p>
10/27	News Roundup	Jim Schneider	<p>Jim presented this edition of the 'Round-Up' from VCY's Trail Ridge Camp &amp; Conference Center. Some of the stories included:</p> <p>--Allegations of Russian collusion against President Trump have taken an interesting turn. It's now being reported that the Clinton campaign and the DNC funded opposition research that led to the infamous Russian dossier on Trump. So the question is: What did Hillary Clinton know and when did she know it?</p> <p>--The State Department revealed at a federal court hearing that it has yet to process 40,000 of 72,000 pages of Hillary Clinton's records that the FBI recovered last year.</p> <p>--Some Kennedy assassination documents are being released by the</p>

			<p>federal government including a memorandum indicating communication between Lee Harvey Oswald and prominent members of the Communist Party of the United States of America.</p> <p>--President Trump declares opioid addiction as a national emergency.</p> <p>--Senator Joe Manchin from West Virginia says that we have no place to put children that are taken out of a drug infested home.</p> <p>--A new directive from the Trump administration seeks to prevent American workers from being replaced by foreign labor by making it increasingly difficult for foreign nationals to continually have their guest worker visas renewed.</p> <p>--Following President Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris climate accord, a number of other nations have been quietly ignoring the Paris energy goals.</p> <p>--The Department of Homeland Security and the FBI have issued a rare public alert warning owners of U.S. critical infrastructure to battle an ongoing campaign of cyber attacks against their information and control networks.</p> <p>--The House narrowly passed a 4 trillion dollar budget in step toward a Trump tax plan.</p> <p>--The government has apologized for illegally targeting Tea Party groups for intrusive scrutiny and agreed to settlements with hundreds of organizations snared in the targeting. This brings to an end one of the more embarrassing episodes of the Obama administration.</p> <p>--The Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee claims he obtained a 'smoking gun' e-mail that proves the Obama Justice Department prevented settlement payments from going to conservative leaning organizations even as liberal groups were awarded money.</p> <p>--Limited government advocates and property rights champions are cheering EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for publicly announcing he will scrap the tactic known as 'sue and settle' for as long as he is in office.</p> <p>--Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued government-wide guidance on federal religious liberty protections.</p> <p>--The U.S. Supreme Court dismissed the second and final challenge to President Trump's earlier executive orders on refugees and migrants.</p> <p>--Democrat Doug Jones, who is in an election battle against Roy Moore in Alabama, has been quoted in support of transgender rights and felon voting rights</p> <p>--Marijuana sales surge 24% in Nevada during the second month of legalization.</p> <p>--The chief executive of the World Olympians Association has said that athletes could be fitted with microchips to help prevent doping.</p> <p>--3 aircraft carriers are gathering in the Western Pacific.</p> <p>--North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is said to be mass producing deadly batches of smallpox and the plague.</p>
10/30	Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church	Jim Schneider / Todd Nettleton	<p>This Sunday, November 5th, marks the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Joining Jim to discuss this important day was Todd Nettleton. Todd is the Chief of Media Relations and Message Integration with Voice of the Martyrs.</p> <p>This month marks the 50th anniversary of Voice of the Martyrs. Founder Richard Wurmbrand was a converted Jew who became a Lutheran pastor in communist Romania. He was an outspoken witness for Jesus, even as the communists took over the nation. He was punished for that, having spent a total of 14 years in prison, 3 of which were in solitary</p>



			<p>confinement, 30 feet below ground level. His wife spent 3 years in prison, 18 months of that in a labor camp helping build the Danube Canal.</p> <p>Richard and his wife were ransomed out of Romania after release from prison. Before they left, the secret police took Richard aside and told him that he was going to the West. He could preach all he wanted to, talk about God all he wanted to, but they said not to talk about what they did to him.</p> <p>Richard did come to the West but he did just the opposite of what they told him to. He began to share the stories of prison, the torture, and the stories of pastors still in those prisons. American Christians would hear those stories and want to help those people and that's how Voice of the Martyrs got started. It's a bridge for American Christians who want to bring encouragement and hope to those who are being persecuted and to bring out the stories of what God is doing in those nations.</p> <p>Every year to commemorate the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, Voice of the Martyrs does a short film for churches to show in their services that illustrates who the ministry is praying for. Since it's the 50th anniversary of VOM, they chose a story from Richard's own time in prison. This helps people remember to pray for the persecutors which is part of Christ's call as well.</p> <p>When you review this edition of Crosstalk, you'll hear Todd share amazing testimonies of individuals in North Korea, Iran, Iraq and Turkey, along with calls from numerous Crosstalk listeners.</p>
10/31	The Reformation : 500 Years Later	Jim Schneider / Mike Gendron	<p>500 years ago on this day, Martin Luther began what is known as the Protestant Reformation. Luther was considered an outlaw, taken into hiding, he translated the New Testament into German, stood up for what he believed and defended his position at the Diet of Worms. What did he believe? The just shall live by faith.</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss the Reformation was Mike Gendron. Mike is the founder and director of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministry. Mike was a devout Roman Catholic for 34 years and was taught to rely upon the authority of the church above all else. He faithfully followed the priests, the sacraments and depended on his good works for salvation. Mike began searching the Scriptures and was amazed to find that what he read in Scripture contradicted the teaching and tradition of the church he had been a part of for so long. He trusted Jesus as his Savior and now the Bible has become his sole authority in all matters of faith.</p> <p>Mike took listeners back as he noted how Yohann Tetzel, a representative from the Vatican, was selling indulgences to people for the opportunity to get loved ones removed from the burning fires of purgatory. That practice outraged Luther.</p> <p>On November 1st, Roman Catholics would be coming to the church to worship over 1,900 relics of dead saints. They were told that if they'd do that, coupled with confession to a priest, their sins would be forgiven and they would receive a plenary indulgence. Since Luther knew this would be taking place, he nailed his Ninety-Five Theses in protest on the church door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, one day before on October 31st, 1517.</p> <p>Jim had Mike comment on a number of points related to this important day and specifically what Luther was concerned about as we see in his Ninety-Five Theses. For example:</p> <p>--Luther made it clear that repentance and the sacrament of penance are not the same. Mike points out a clear mistranslation in the Roman Catholic Latin Vulgate regarding this issue.</p> <p>--Luther believed that the Pope doesn't desire nor is he able to remit any penalties except those imposed by his own authority or that of the canon, and the Pope cannot remit any guilt except by declaring and showing that it's been remitted by God. Mike comments on this challenge to papal authority.</p> <p>--Luther also said that the Pope did not have the 'keys'. What did he mean by</p>

			<p>that?  --Luther also believed that the priests were acting ignorantly and wickedly. On what did Luther base this charge?  --Does the Bible address purgatory?  --What was the Counter-Reformation?</p> <p>There's much more on this edition of Crosstalk, which is a fascinating history lesson discussing a critical moment in church history. Jim has Mike bring clarity to it all, along with information on how you can obtain more information for your personal study.</p>
11/1	Religious Discrimination Takes Center Stage	Jim Schneider / Peter LaBarbera / Rob Pue	<p>You've heard the stories about Christian bakers, florists and/or photographers here in America who have faced legal trouble or even more disheartening, have had to close their businesses because it was against their conscience to provide their services to those touting the LGBTQ lifestyle. Today, Jim discusses how Christians themselves are now being discriminated against, right here under our noses.</p> <p>In October of this year, Rob Pue of the Wisconsin Christian News (Marshfield, Wi), sent in a printing order to the local Office Max/Office Depot for two different posters promoting upcoming ministry events in his town. Upon ordering, Pue was given confirmation of his order and was told they would soon fill it. Soon after, Pue received another response actually denying him service. The reason? The response from the store manager alleged that the subject matter of one of Pue's events was against their "prohibiting guidelines" thereby, denying him service. While Office Max was fine to print a Veteran's Day poster, they refused to print a poster which featured a coming meeting with Peter LaBarbera called "The Homosexual Agenda Exposed." Pue requested a copy of the Office Max "guidelines" but, to no avail. After some research on his own, Pue was able to read a policy but, argues that his poster information did not fall under any of their defined guidelines - which includes "hate speech." It is reported that in 2015, Office Max also denied printing services for a "pro life" poster but, did later apologize. Pue did seek (and find) printing services elsewhere but, is exploring litigation for the "singling out" he has experienced.</p> <p>Joining both Jim and Rob Pue today is Peter LaBarbera. Peter wastes no time in saying that there is a "homosexual agenda against Christianity." He references Americans who have "lost their businesses" due to the current climate. He goes on to say that there are those "trying to silent (all) dissent" and that the media is protecting these many groups who are actually advocating against Christianity. While many say it's really no big deal, LaBarbera says "our liberty is in jeopardy" and Mr. Pue (like so many others now in America) is a "victim of discrimination." The point is made that Christians are the ones now in fact losing. Losing business, losing investments, losing a way of life. When asked "What can Christians do? What should they say?" LaBarbera offers that we should tell these businesses to "stop discriminating against people of faith!" He also encourages Christians to be clear in their positions that (as Christians) we actually celebrate those who have come out from the homosexual lifestyle - that there is "no hate here."</p> <p>Ready to act? Be kind. Be polite, but be bold. Call Office Max/Office Depot and speak out against Christian discrimination. In Marshfield, Wi #1.715.389.8820 or #1.800.463.3768 (1.800.GODEPOT)</p> <p>Rob Pue - Editor and Publisher of Wisconsin Christian News &amp; Peter LaBarbera - Founder &amp; President of Americans for Truth About Homosexuality</p>
11/2	Islamic Terrorism Strikes New York	Jim Schneider / Usama Dakdok	<p>Manhattan has become the latest location for Islamic terrorism. Sayfullo Saipov is an immigrant from Uzbekistan who plowed his rental truck into a number of people, killing at least 8 and injuring others.</p> <p>Once again, part of this attack was the all too familiar cry of 'Allahu Akbar'. As a result, the media has been doing its best to make sure the public fails to use that phrase to make a connection between Islam and this attack.</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss this story was Usama Dakdok. Usama is the president of the Straight Way of Grace Ministry. He's the speaker of the national radio program, 'Revealing the Truth About Islam' and travels the</p>

			<p>nation to alert and wake up the nation on the true goal of Islam. Usama is Egyptian born, speaks fluent Arabic and has translated the Qur'an into English.</p> <p>The Daily Caller alleges that the translation of the name, Sayfullo Saipov means 'sword of Allah'. Usama noted that Mohammed believed that his riches come from the shadow of his sword. So for Muslim parents to name one of their children with a name that means 'sword of Allah' is considered an honorable thing.</p> <p>Jim reported that Saipov is very proud of what he's done and has been requesting that he be allowed to display an ISIS flag in his hospital room.</p> <p>Media sources report that Saipov shouted, 'God is great' in the Arabic language. Usama indicated that the word 'Allah' has nothing to do with the word, 'God'. According to Usama, Allah is Satan. On the other hand, the word 'Akbar' means 'bigger' not 'great'. The phrase 'Allahu Akbar' cannot be taken from the life of the Muslim because it's in every prayer. The shouting of this phrase was used by Mohammed and early Muslim jihadis to seize villages and cities. Jim then concluded by describing how this is the cry that Allah is bigger than any other god or entity and it's used to strike terror in the hearts of individuals.</p> <p>There's much more to learn as Usama presents verses from the Qur'an, his response to the description of Saipov as a 'lone wolf', the media's concern for backlash against Muslims, the response to this incident from the Council on American/Islamic Relations, and much more.</p>
11/3	News Roundup	Jim Schneider	<p>Here's a sample of the stories featured by Jim on this week's edition of the 'Round-Up':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--A series of anti-government leftist rallies are set to descend on major cities all across the U.S. on Saturday, drawing the attention of local officials who fear the streets could be hijacked by violent, masked anarchists.</li> <li>--A full page advertisement in the New York Times promotes mayhem and insurrection for November 4th in order to see the end of leadership by Trump/Pence.</li> <li>--Millennials are becoming very persuaded by communism.</li> <li>--Manhattan Muslim terrorist was in the mosque that the NYPD was accused of profiling.</li> <li>--President Trump vows to end the Diversity Lottery Program.</li> <li>--President Trump reveals that the Manhattan terror suspect has been able to help as many as 23 others to migrate to the U.S.</li> <li>--Attorney General Jeff Sessions says that the Trump administration will keep open its option to prosecute terrorists in military tribunals at Guantanamo Bay.</li> <li>--The New York City Marathon will go on as planned this weekend.</li> <li>--The 'Ground Zero' Muslim cultural center plan has been resubmitted years after the protest.</li> <li>--Army Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl was fined, reduced in rank, dishonorably discharged, but received no prison time.</li> <li>--The GOP rolled out their new tax plan.</li> <li>--The NFL would lose it's ability to claim tax breaks for stadiums, colleges and universities would have to start paying taxes on massive endowments, and house 'flippers' could no longer shield their income from the tax man under the tax bill proposed by House Republicans.</li> <li>--The U.S. economy rebounded from the hurricanes, adding 261,000 jobs. That's the best performance of the Trump administration. Unemployment went down to 4.1%.</li> <li>--Consumer confidence rose to 125.9 in October. The rating is the highest level since December of 2000.</li> <li>--A 100 billion dollar Singapore-based semiconductor company will legally relocate</li> </ul>

			<p>to the U.S. bringing 20 billion dollars in annual revenue back to the U.S.  --President Trump is off on a tour of Asia.  --President Trump is finalizing plans to secure China's involvement in curbing the threat posed by the Kim Jong Un.  --Part of President Trump's Asia tour will involve addressing China's production and distribution of the opioid known as Fentanyl.  --Nikki Haley blasts the U.N. in a defiant speech over U.S. trade embargo of Cuba.  --The U.N. has officially confirmed that the Paris Climate Accord was a complete waste of time.  --Construction companies worried about a backlash for working on President Trump's proposed border wall are pushing for federal protections including stopping cities and states from penalizing them as a new battle erupts over the crackdown on illegal immigration.  --Former DNC Chair Donna Brazile alleges that she has proof that Hillary Clinton 'rigged' the nomination process.</p>
11/6	<p>Geological Evidence for Young Earth and Worldwide Flood</p>	<p>Jim Schneider / Dr. Andrew Snelling</p>	<p>Dr. Andrew Snelling is the director of research for Answers in Genesis and is editor-in-chief of the online Answers Research Journal. He writes and speaks on topics such as the flood, fossils and the Grand Canyon. He has a PhD in Geology received from the University of Sydney in Australia. He's served as a field, mine, and research geologist with various mining companies. He's authored numerous books, book chapters and articles and has produced a number of DVD's such as 'Recent Rapid Formation of Coal and Oil', 'Circular Reasoning in Dating Methods', and 'Geology: A Biblical Viewpoint on the Age of the Earth'.</p> <p>Dr. Snelling admitted that as a youngster he was naïve and just looking at the properties of the rocks. When he got into high school, there were things he read from conventional geologists that raised questions because of what he was being told in church.</p> <p>Aware of this conflict, his mother took him to the Christian bookstore in downtown Sydney and spoke to the proprietor who recommended that Andrew should read 'The Genesis Flood' by Dr. Whitcomb and Dr. Morris. He devoured it, the connections came together, and he began to see how you can understand the geological evidence from the perspective of God's Word being literally true.</p> <p>Andrew reflected on his experience with the National Park Service on both the discrimination and discovery levels. The park service has a procedure you have to go through that involves submitting an application along with a research proposal that's peer reviewed. If it passes muster, they grant you the permit to collect the samples you want and then you need to report the results. In 2013 Andrew applied (he had previous proposals accepted) for a particular group of samples in particular locations and was turned down. Attorneys from Alliance Defending Freedom became involved and did a freedom of information demand. As it turned out, the denial was all about who he was and what he stood for rather than the nature of the research.</p> <p>Eventually he revised the proposal, but stipulations were put on it that other scientists didn't have to deal with. A lawsuit was then filed against the Grand Canyon National Park. Included in the lawsuit was the 'back story' that involved the reasoning behind the denial. In fact, even atheist bloggers recognized that there was discrimination going on. Eventually the Park Service attorneys realized that it was a no-win situation for them. They didn't want their bosses dragged into court if the lawsuit was contested and they settled out of court. Andrew indicated he wanted the permit application along with approval to do a research trip through the canyon. Both were granted.</p> <p>Andrew mentioned this story about the Grand Canyon because there are places where the rock layers (sandstone) have been bent. When it's soft and pliable it's like wet cement. When it hardens, if you try to bend it, it will break. Evolutionists will say that over millions of years, pressure</p>

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11/7	Hope and Comfort in the Midst of Tragedy	Jim Schneider	<p>The shooting that took place at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, (30 miles southwest of San Antonio) was the largest mass shooting in the history of the state of Texas and possibly the largest church shooting anywhere.</p> <p>Jim spent the first quarter hour of the broadcast presenting an overview of the circumstances surrounding the shooting from various news sources. These sources also covered a wide range of reactions. This included audio from Pastor Frank Pomeroy and his wife Sherri as they gave a statement to the media, as well as reaction from two Hollywood personalities who mocked prayer.</p> <p>In response to this tragedy Jim asked listeners the following question: What Scripture verse do you cling to that brings hope and comfort in the midst of tragedy? Find out what your fellow listeners had to say when you review this edition of Crosstalk.</p>
11/8	The Antif Agenda	Jim Schneider / William Jasper	<p>William F. Jasper is the senior editor of the New American. They focus on limited government, constitutional guarantees of freedom and personal responsibility. He has researched and written extensively on foreign and domestic politics, terrorism, national security, education, immigration, constitutional issues, the culture war and the United Nations. He's the author of 'The United Nations Exposed' and 'Global Tyranny-Step by Step: The United Nations and the Emerging New World Order'.</p> <p>Who or what is Antifa? According to William their name stands for 'anti-fascist' or 'anti-fascism'. We don't know a lot about them because of their secrecy. They are typified by their black clothing and masks. This is to conceal their identity which they claim is to protect themselves against attacks by racist fascists. They're actually the ones doing the attacking as has been shown from New York to Philadelphia, Boston, Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco and Berkeley.</p> <p>Antifa is claiming it's declaring war and attempting to make America ungovernable. They are proud anarchists. An important point in all of this is that what we've seen in history is that most of the anarchists engaged in these activities call themselves communist anarchists or anarcho-communists. In other words, they're mostly associated with various communist parties that are trying to create anarchy in non-communist nations so that they can use it as a transition.</p> <p>There are groups within this realm that call themselves 'red guards'. They are alluding to the red guards of communist China. Mao Tse-Tung unleashed his infamous red guards on the people of China during the so-called 'cultural revolution' (1966-1976). In their case they didn't have to wear masks because Mao and his party were in charge. The result was that many who weren't following the communist party line were sent to re-education camps and prisons while others were publicly humiliated, tortured or killed. Antifa hopes to create that cultural equivalent here.</p> <p>For two generations millions of young people have been indoctrinated by radical professors in regard to 'trigger' issues such as racism, fascism, xenophobia, LGBT rights, etc. and getting them to demonstrate. This has extended to the subject of President Trump as well. With the help of the establishment media to constantly use those left-wing themes, they've been able to accuse Trump, those who support him and those who are Republican of being xenophobic, misogynist, etc.</p> <p>All of these individuals who are accused are grouped together as 'fascist'. Hillary Clinton called such people a 'basket of deplorables.' That's the message that's been promoted by the media establishment and their left-</p>

			<p>wing barrage for a long time.</p> <p>Jim noted that the media tries to paint Antifa in a good light claiming that they are actually anti-racist and anti-Nazi. William responded by saying that the Antifa protests are not really protests because they begin with a 'wedge issue' that they hope they can amp up into something more riotous. What the media never points out is that at many of these events, they will show video or photos of a crowd of people demonstrating, chanting, yelling or screaming. Look at the signs they carry. They might say, 'Refuse Fascism' and variations on that theme. They're all pre-printed and you can see on the bottom of them it says, 'revcom.us' or 'refusefascism.org'. Both of those organizations are the Revolutionary/Communist Party. This is a hard-core, Marxist, Leninist, Maoist organization. So what these people are doing is using their supposed concern for racism, xenophobia or oppression to whip people up so that they support their agenda.</p> <p>What became of the revolution they planned for this past November 4th? Are the American people wise to Antifa and rejecting their message? Is Antifa alone or do groups with similar beliefs exist? Get the answers by reviewing this vital Crosstalk broadcast.</p>
11/9	Keeping Our Churches Safe	Jim Schneider / Sheriff Richard Schmidt	<p>Since 1999, 453 people have been killed inside churches in America. The November 5th incident in Sutherland, Texas, was the latest wake-up call to the body of Christ to come together and address this issue.</p> <p>Joining Jim to contribute to that discussion was Richard Schmidt. Richard is the acting sheriff for Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. He was appointed to the Milwaukee County Sheriff's office in 1986, promoted to sergeant in 1996, to captain in 2002, to deputy inspector in 2003, to inspector of detention in 2006 and inspector senior commander in 2010 by then Sheriff David Clarke, Jr. Sheriff Clarke resigned in August of this year and Richard assumed the role of acting sheriff. Through his years of service he has led the Police Services Bureau which included expressway patrol, criminal investigations and airport security. He had oversight over the House of Corrections, the Courts Services Division, the Criminal Justice Facility, the Safety Building and the courts located at the Children's Detention Center.</p> <p>Sheriff Schmidt began by informing listeners that you can't have the attitude like some have that they won't be involved in a horrific crash or accident or won't be involved in a shooting. Statistically there are about 400,000 congregations in the U.S. The chance of a shooting incident happening are way below 1% but the problem is, no one knows who the next victim will be. This means all of us need to properly prepare.</p> <p>In 2005, the research literature he studied showed that less than 25% of churches actually have some type of team that is prepared to face the kind of situation that took place in Texas. The church Sheriff Schmidt attends has a robust team made up of individuals from law enforcement, former military, some retired law enforcement and others who have a passion for safety within the church. Unfortunately, he indicated that there are still many churches that aren't seeing the seriousness of this situation.</p> <p>Sheriff Schmidt believes there are times when you are either going to take the bullet or you're going to protect and save lives. That's a decision each and every church leader has to make. He leans on the side that says God gives us a right to defend ourselves and protect others, so even with respect to those who may disagree with him, he feels it's an absolute necessity for our church leaders, as shepherds, to look over their security protocols.</p> <p>Is your church 'winging' it? If so, how can you begin taking preparations from the standpoint of personnel, facilities, communication and basic awareness? Should churches allow people to 'conceal carry' or perhaps even consider hiring professional security help? These and other questions are covered so that you can begin the discussion with your church leadership.</p>
11/10	In Honor of Veterans	Jim Schneider	<p>Jim began this edition of Crosstalk by giving listeners an overview of the history of Veterans Day via information from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.</p> <p>WWI officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June</p>

			<p>28th, 1919, at the Palace of Versailles. Fighting had ceased 7 months earlier when an armistice between the allied nations and Germany went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. For that reason, November 11th, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of the war to end all wars.</p> <p>In November of 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The original concept was for a day observed with parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11am.</p> <p>The U.S. Congress officially recognized the end of WWI when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4th, 1926. Then an act was approved on May 13th, 1938, making the 11th of November the legal holiday to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day. In 1954, after WWII had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen in our history, and after forces had fought aggression in Korea, at the urging of the veteran service organizations, the 83rd Congress amended the act of 1938 by striking out the word 'armistice' and putting the word 'veterans' in its place.</p> <p>So with the approval of that legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11th became known as a day to honor American veterans from all wars. Later in that same year, President Eisenhower issued the first Veterans Day Proclamation.</p> <p>Jim also included information commemorating this day from the Family Research Council, audio excerpts from a November 11, 1985, speech by Ronald Reagan and a poem by U.S. Army Veteran Charles Province.</p> <p>The remainder of this Crosstalk consisted of comments from listeners as they honored and thanked those who have served and are still with us, as well as those who are currently serving.</p>
11/13	Persecuted Church Update	Jim Schneider / Paul Popov	<p>Paul Popov is the CEO of Door of Hope International. They are a voice and a helping hand to persecuted Christians worldwide. When he was five years old, his father, Haralan Popov, a prominent Protestant minister, was brutally taken from his family by the KGB in 1948 and arrested on false charges of being a 'spy for America'. Paul, along with his family, were branded as 'enemies of the state'.</p> <p>Paul chose to go to Kurdistan during a time of a referendum. Through this he noticed an enthusiasm and desire among the Kurdish people to be an independent nation apart from Iraq much like Israel is today.</p> <p>Paul met with his people in the northern part of Kurdistan, people that have been doing ministry since the jihadis took over a lot of Iraqi and Kurdish territory. He also met with individuals in other parts of the country who are working with people in Syria, especially refugees. This includes young people who don't get any education, and one of the efforts involves getting them God's Word.</p> <p>Paul had been in trouble because suddenly Turkey, Iran and Iraq closed all the borders and airspace. He believes it had to be a miracle for him to get out. He took a step of faith and went to the airport at 3am and a young man helped him find a single place left on a plane and he ended up in Sweden where he needed to go.</p> <p>He noted that the government in Kurdistan is very pro-Christian, but ISIS still has cells within the Kurdish borders. So the #1 request from the Kurdish brothers is to pray for their security. The next priority is training for home-church leaders.</p> <p>Paul went on to describe the factions involved in this scenario for independence, what independence would mean for religious freedom, the backlash from Iraq, why America is turning its back on Kurdistan, the 'returning home' project, and much more.</p>
11/14	Standing for Life in a Culture of Death	Jim Schneider	<p>Jim presented the following examples that show how the culture of death continues in our world today. However, there are examples where God has placed individuals in specific circumstances and they are standing up for life. Stories included:</p> <p>--A shooting near a California elementary school (about 130 miles north</p>

			<p>of Sacramento) has resulted in the loss of lives.  --A New Mexico pharmacy is facing a lawsuit after one of its employees refused to fill a prescription that they thought might be used to abort an unborn baby.  --Planned Parenthood lawyers are urging a federal court to block an Indiana law that requires the abortion industry to give women an ultrasound of their unborn child at least 18 hours before an abortion.  --Jennifer and Jonathan Soros (George's daughter-in-law and son) gave \$5,000 each to Planned Parenthood.  --A Missouri satanist who had an abortion, is suing the state to strike down a Missouri law making her wait.  --California forcing pro-life crisis pregnancy centers to promote abortion.  --The FBI has now asked the Senate for unredacted documents obtained from abortion providers, signaling that agents may be investigating whether Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers illegally sold fetal tissue and body parts.  --The Trump administration is blocking political and financial support for abortion groups in the highest echelons of international diplomacy, including the most recent G7 and G20 meetings.  --Abortion activists in England bashing Operation Christmas Child because its leader is a pro-life Christian.  --Many Michigan lawmakers think the answer to this question should be 'yes': If someone attacks a pregnant woman and kills her unborn baby, should he be charged with two crimes?  --President Trump named former Scalia clerk Alex Azar as the new Health and Human Services secretary.  --Doctors in Canada have reported an increase in the conversations about legalizing assisted suicide for children.  --The Alliance Defending Freedom has filed an application with the European Court of Human Rights on behalf of a Belgian man whose mother was euthanized without him being informed.  --A Democrat legislator says that women have every right to abort a baby just because they have Down Syndrome.  --Frank Stephens, a Down Syndrome man, gave an eloquent speech in favor of life before the House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and the Education Committee on Appropriations.  --A coalition of environmental groups wants to have a federal court grant personhood to the Colorado River and its tributaries.</p>
11/15	Has God Given Us Over?	Jim Schneider / Peter LaBarbera	<p>Peter LaBarbera is the founder and president of Americans for Truth About Homosexuality and also a writer for Lifesitenews.com.</p> <p>Early in this broadcast, Jim read an extensive list of LGBT candidates who won seats in last Tuesday's election. When reviewing Romans chapter 1:18-32, is it possible that this is a sign that God is giving the United States over to depravity?</p> <p>Peter responded by noting that our cities are extremely liberal, so we expect these things to happen in those locations as this is part of a plan by homosexual activist groups. What disturbed Peter more was that Danica Roem became the first openly transgender person ever elected to the state legislature in Virginia. In this case, Roem will not be representing a large metropolitan area but a rural area outside D.C. He defeated Bob Marshall, who was a stellar Republican, pro-family, pro-life legislator. Roem, on the other hand, received hundreds of thousands of dollars in outside donations from liberal, pro-LGBTQ people and groups.</p>



			<p>Peter described the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) as a group that worked directly on the Marshall race. Their CEO makes over \$400,000 so Peter described this movement as 'big gay' and 'big transgender' is piggy-backing off of that. So conservatives must have a strategy because these two forces are very powerful in our culture right now.</p> <p>Another item mentioned was the Human Right's Campaign Foundation's Corporate Equality Index. This is where they rate workplaces according to their lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer equality. The 2018 index is out with a record number of companies. 609 employers have earned perfect scores.</p> <p>Basically, the HRC wants corporations to become another arm of the homosexual movement like the media has become, and they appear to be succeeding. For example, according to the Corporate Equality Index for 2018, they talk about the number of Fortune 500 companies that had gender identity, non-discrimination policies in place in 2002. That number was 3%. By 2008 that number had risen to 25%. In 2014 it was 61% and now in 2017 it is at 82%.</p> <p>Peter believes it's rigged because if you support the homosexual movement, including making massive grants and supporting transsexual (so-called) sex reassignment surgeries, you reach the 100% rating. However, if a corporation decides to give \$100,000 to organizations like Americans for Truth About Homosexuality, a deduction of 25 points is applied for anti-LGBT stigma.</p> <p>Peter and Jim went on to look at 'gender identity', the Equality Act, 9 examples of porn funded by the state, and more.</p>
11/16	Help and Healing for Addiction	Jim Schneider / Benjamin Burks	<p>On October 26, the White House stated that since 2000, over 300,000 Americans have died from overdoses involving opioids. In 2015 alone there were 52,404 drug overdose deaths, almost two-thirds involved the use of opioids. In 2016 there were 175 deaths occurring every single day to overdose.</p> <p>In addition to this, babies being born drug dependent have increased by 500% since 2000, and children are being placed in foster care due in part to parental drug abuse going up.</p> <p>What is our nation do do? Addiction in general is at epidemic proportions. Can we throw enough money at this to solve the problem? Does secular society have a solution? How about the Church or the Word of God itself?</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss this issue was Benjamin Burks. Benjamin is the international director for RU (Reformers Unanimous), a 22 year old, biblically based, Christ-centered recovery program designed to rescue, recover and restore those in addictive behaviors with the power of a hidden life found only in Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Benjamin began by adding to the statistics that Jim led the program with and what he said really helps frame the problem. Ohio alone has spent 17 billion dollars in two years on this one problem alone and they're worse off than they've ever been.</p> <p>So how does Benjamin define the term, 'addiction'? It's any kind of disorder that's caused by sin and the person continues to do it even though they know it's bad for them. Its 'face' is not specific to an ethnicity, age group or gender, nor is it just rural or urban. It runs through all these categories and more.</p> <p>How does addiction impact the individual and the family? Benjamin cited the example of one woman who was addicted to opioids and heroin. She was living on the street, had ruined every relationship with her family and had tried to kill herself multiple times. This is why addiction has to be addressed from a spiritual standpoint. The more that's neglected, the more hurt that takes place to not only the addict, but the family as well.</p> <p>What if someone says that this is none of your business? A half trillion dollars is spent each year in America because of addictions. That makes this issue our business due to things like loss of time on the job and emergency services that are utilized.</p>

			Benjamin went on to detail the RU program dynamics that include family, accountability and biblical meditation, the part these play in the faith-based recovery process, as well as his work with legislators on an initiative called, 'Faith-Based Recovery for America'.
11/17	News Roundup	Jim Schneider	<p>Below is a portion of the stories covered by Jim on this edition of the 'Round Up'.</p> <p>--Some Republicans fear that Alabama's Roy Moore will tarnish the GOP brand.</p> <p>--Gloria Allred, the lawyer for Beverly Young Nelson, one of the women who's accused Judge Roy Moore of attempted rape in 1977, refuses to let her client's high school yearbook be examined by a handwriting analyst.</p> <p>--Gloria Allred has not asked Nelson if she saw Moore sign her yearbook.</p> <p>--Judge Moore plans to sue the Washington Post for its series of 'hit pieces' against him, his wife, foundation and his campaign.</p> <p>--The Alabama GOP announced that it is sticking with Roy Moore in the special election to fill the old seat of Jeff Sessions.</p> <p>--President Trump believes Alabama voters should determine for themselves whether the allegations against Roy Moore are true or not and whether to elect him.</p> <p>--Democrat Minnesota Senator Al Franken has also been accused of improper behavior.</p> <p>--The Senate Finance Committee voted yesterday in favor of the House GOP tax bill.</p> <p>--The tax reform bill allows expecting parents to contribute to their unborn baby's 529 college savings account.</p> <p>--The Family Research Council praises the tax reform bill. The NFL comes out against it.</p> <p>--When a Black Lives Matter affiliated Twitter account wanted to find out how many Twitter users dislike President Trump, they learned that the president's popularity remains strong.</p> <p>--President Trump said that on his Asia tour he secured trade deals that would be worth over 1 trillion dollars to the U.S.</p> <p>--Vice President Mike Pence worked quickly to fulfill an October pledge to bypass the U.N. and more effectively direct U.S. aid to help religious minorities in Iraq who are victims of genocide perpetrated by the Islamic State.</p> <p>--The House Foreign Affairs Committee has unanimously approved an act that would cut off aid to the Palestinian Authority until they stop compensating terrorists and their families.</p> <p>--There's been a crackdown on the MS-13 gang.</p> <p>--Key Republicans and Democrats announced a significant gun bill.</p> <p>--The Parental Rights Amendment has been introduced in the U.S. House.</p> <p>--Vice President Mike Pence and his wife joined volunteer groups on Veterans Day to help wash the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.</p> <p>--A secretive 3 day conference features big money liberal donors plotting the next steps of the resistance.</p> <p>--An 11 month old baby's death in Colorado 2 years ago has been determined to be the first ever documented marijuana death.</p> <p>--4 people went on a rampage in a Missouri town last weekend, barking and yelling, breaking into buildings, and even stripping off their clothes and showering in soda water, allegedly due to the synthetic drug known as Flakka.</p>
11/20	Obamacare	Jim	Twila Brase is the president and co-founder of the Citizens Council for

	Enrollment Underway	Schneider / Twila Brase	<p>Health Freedom, a patient-centered national health freedom organization existing to protect health care choices, individualized patient care, and medical and genetic privacy rights. Twila is also the speaker on the daily, Health Freedom Minute.</p> <p>This edition of Crosstalk began with Twila commenting on HIPAA. Twila gave a presentation to the National Physician Council of Health Care Policy on patient policy and she shared her concerns.</p> <p>Many people believe that HIPPA actually protects privacy. In her presentation she gave a history as to how we've lost privacy and how HIPAA actually opens up the medical records. Also discussed at the event was the topic of who owns patient data. Twila found that there were doctors who thought they own patient data. Others thought it belonged to the patient and doctors are just the steward of it.</p> <p>Then there was the issue of HIPAA forms. Since there's only one signature, the patient can feel like they have to sign the forms in order to be treated, yet they give away all their privacy rights in the process. A pathologist got up and said she had no idea what kind of consent form the patient signed before blood, urine or tissue arrive in her lab. As far as she was concerned, they can do anything they want with such samples, even sequence them.</p> <p>Last week the White House named Alex Azar as its new nominee for secretary of Health and Human Services, replacing Tom Price. Twila noted that Alex is from the pharmaceutical industry. He's not a physician, but seems to be more of an individual who operates 'by the book'. This doesn't mean that once he's in office he won't be able to see that there are things that are causing doctors to want to leave the practice of medicine at a time when 10,000 baby-boomers are entering Medicare every day. Twila is wondering whether he will see 'the danger in the air'.</p> <p>Have you ever heard that someone was told, 'Get the flu shot or you're fired.' What's Twila's advice for that situation? If you're threatened like that, she recommends contacting an attorney, your legislator as well as your attorney general and governor's office. She recommends this because once the government gets to decide the health plans and hospital systems for you and that you must comply regarding shots, then we're at a dangerous point because then no one can reject having a foreign substance put in their body.</p> <p>Also discussed was the House passage of a 1.5 trillion dollar tax cut plan, the individual mandate, options for those who don't want to be part of Obamacare and at the same time want to avoid a penalty when filling out their taxes, and much more.</p>
11/21	Crosstalk Listeners Give Thanks 2017	Jim Schneider	<p>Jim opened this special broadcast by quoting Psalm 92:1: 'It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High.'</p> <p>On that note, Jim gave listeners an opportunity to call and share with others the many reasons why they are thankful to God. It was all part of our annual Thanksgiving call-in program from Crosstalk and VCY America!</p>
11/22	One Race One Blood	Jim Schneider / Dr. A. Charles Ware	<p>Surely you've heard, read about or perhaps have seen the clashes that include the slogans: 'Black Lives Matter', 'White Lives Matter', 'All Lives Matter'. Hardly a day goes by without some media outlet addressing a story about racism. Those may involve black separatists, white separatists, the KKK, the Black Panthers, etc.</p> <p>What's the root cause of this attitude? It's a rarely discussed fact of history that the premise of Darwinian evolution has been deeply rooted in the worst racist ideology since its inception.</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss this was Dr. A. Charles Ware. Dr. Ware is the pastor of Crossroads Bible Church and president of Crossroads Bible College in Indianapolis. He's an international authority and life coach on race and ethnic reconciliation matters. He's a conference speaker and author. Dr. Ware was appearing to discuss a book that he's co-authored with Ken Ham entitled, 'One Race One Blood'.</p> <p>Racist ideology has been around for a long time. Dr. Ware noted that it</p>

			<p>began in the heart of man at the Fall, so now we consider ourselves better than others. This attitude was given a scientific explanation and codified into history with Darwinism.</p> <p>Jim described how Darwin referred to people with darker skin as being savage, low and degraded. He (Darwin) gave the opinion that we'd rather be descended from a monkey than from what he called a savage (referring to people with darker skin). When was the last time you saw or heard about this philosophy appearing in science textbooks?</p> <p>Dr. Ware explained how that concept even affected the church. As an example he mentioned a meeting he attended where he heard a pastor say that as a child he heard from the pulpit that blacks were sub-human. They didn't have souls in the evolutionary process therefore they didn't need the gospel preached to them.</p> <p>This was similar to the concept touted by Margaret Sanger of Planned Parenthood. They were trying to get rid of what they termed as the weaker races. Hitler picked up on that as he felt the Aryan race was the superior one, so he was trying to protect the purity of the white gene pool. This all goes hand in hand with what Jim pointed out; that the subtitle of Darwin's book, 'On the Origin of the Species' was: 'The Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life'.</p> <p>There was also the idea that those of black skin color evolved from the strong, but less intelligent gorillas, orientals evolved from the orangutans, while whites evolved from the most intelligent of primates, the chimpanzee.</p> <p>Jim wondered what the state of Christianity was at the time of Darwin. Did the church support such ideas? Did they reject them or perhaps just withdraw from getting involved? Dr. Ware said it was a mix. Like today, the biblical view was undercut by science, so science took authority over the Bible. So you end up with Christians who will adjust their thinking so that Bible interpretation is controlled by science because science has the 'facts'.</p> <p>The curse that came down through Ham, the concept of human 'race' as it relates to the Bible and so much more is covered on this important edition of Crosstalk.</p>
11/23	Crosstalk Listeners Give Thanks	Jim Schneider	<p>Jim opened this special broadcast by quoting Psalm 92:1: 'It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High.'</p> <p>On that note, Jim gave listeners an opportunity to call and share with others the many reasons why they are thankful to God. It was all part of our annual Thanksgiving call-in program from Crosstalk and VCY America!</p>
11/24	Stewardship in Estate Planning	Jim Schneider / Joseph Helm	<p>Joseph Helm is a partner attorney with McLario, Helm, Bertling &amp; Spiegel Law Offices specializing in stewardship finances and estate planning. He's also village president of Menomonee Falls, WI. and an associate pastor at Brookside Baptist Church in Brookfield, WI.</p> <p>Stewardship for the present is quite obvious to most Christians, but stewardship for the future is another. Joseph noted Matthew 6:19 as an example of the importance of this latter responsibility. He asked the following questions: How many believers understand what that means, have done sufficient Bible study to determine how to do that and what are the benefits?</p> <p>Stewardship that looks to the future has two aspects: planning for matters while we're still alive and also planning for matters after death. One of those related to the first category involves avoiding guardianship.</p> <p>Avoiding guardianship deals with who's going to manage your affairs and how they do that if you become incapacitated or die. You can do nothing and not plan at all. Under that scenario, everything falls to the government's default program known as probate court. Probate court is a division of your local county court. This court handles the affairs of deceased or incompetent people and the affairs of surviving, underage minor children. The probate judge oversees someone collecting your assets, paying your bills, filing your taxes, determining who the heirs are and ultimately issuing a court order declaring how your assets are to be</p>

		<p>distributed to those survivors.</p> <p>So if no pre-planning is done, someone in your sphere of life will need to petition the probate court and ask the judge to award them guardianship over you. Once granted, that person has legal authority to handle your affairs.</p> <p>The other option is for you to obtain a healthcare power of attorney document for medical matters and a separate power of attorney document for financial matters. These two documents are crucial, even for married couples, so that you determine who handles these matters, and not the court system, should you become incapacitated.</p> <p>The next point of discussion was a living will. A living will is not like a last will and testament, the latter determining who gets your estate or assets. Instead, a living will is a declaration to physicians that outlines your wishes regarding end of life medical decisions. This living will should not be confused with the healthcare power of attorney document. The living will declaration doesn't authorize anyone to do anything. It's just a statement of your wishes whereas the healthcare power of attorney document names the person you want to communicate with doctors and tell them what to do and what not to do.</p> <p>Power of attorney documents die with you. In other words, they are only valid while you're still alive and for the agent making decisions on your behalf. Upon death, the death documents take over as they supply instructions on what to do with your estate, assets, etc.</p> <p>Other aspects of estate planning that were discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--A life estate</li> <li>--A revokable living trust</li> <li>--Charitable giving through your estate</li> <li>--Planning with minor children in mind</li> <li>--Numerous questions from Crosstalk listeners</li> </ul>
11/27	SCOTUS: Religious Liberty Hanging in the Balance	<p><b>Jim Schneider / Mat Staver</b></p> <p>Mat Staver is the founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel, an international nonprofit litigation, education and policy organization dedicated to advancing religious freedom, the sanctity of human life and the family. Mat has over 230 published legal opinions. He has authored eight scholarly law review publications and ten books including 'Eternal Vigilance: Knowing and Protecting Your Religious Freedom'. He's the host and producer of the radio broadcasts, 'Faith and Freedom' and 'Freedom's Call'. He's argued two landmark cases before the United States Supreme Court.</p> <p>Mat began with the details surrounding the allegations against Roy Moore of Alabama who's running for U.S. Senate. In particular, he discussed the alleged connections between Moore and his accusers, the high school yearbook notation that appears to be signed by Moore and why the allegations are falling apart.</p> <p>The next topic on the agenda involved a very critical case with implications for religious liberty. It's called Masterpiece Cake Shop vs. Colorado Civil Rights Commission.</p> <p>Jack Phillips is a cake artist and 40% of his business was weddings. He would meet with the bride and groom to find out what the theme of their wedding was so that he could create a very special cake for that occasion. When asked to bake a cake/give an expressive message for a same-sex marriage event, he declined. He was sued, and the Colorado Civil Rights Commission said he violated the civil rights law and that he discriminated on the basis of sexual orientation. The case went all the way to the highest court in the state and the decision was confirmed. The U.S. Supreme Court has taken the case and is narrowing the focus to the issue of free speech.</p> <p>So the issue is this: Does the First Amendment Free Speech Clause ultimately supersede the so-called sexual orientation law in Colorado that would otherwise require him to use his talent to violate his own expression and create an artistic cake? This would apply to wedding photographers, artists, musicians and anything that applies to free speech.</p>

			<p>Mat believes that if Phillips loses, that will have great implications for churches, pastors and artists, and will allow the LGBT agenda to be the 'steam roller' over free speech, and in particular, religious free expression.</p>
11/28	Data Mining Warning	Jim Schneider / Alex Newman	<p>Alex Newman is an international freelance journalist, educator and consultant. His articles frequently appear in The New American. He also writes for Freedom Project Media.</p> <p>This Crosstalk looked at what's behind three pieces of legislation. The College Transparency Act (HR-2434), The Foundations for Evidence Based Policy Making Act (HR-4174) and The Student Privacy Protection Act (HR-3157), the latter of which will soon be reintroduced under a new bill number.</p> <p>Alex noted that when you take these 3 bills and combine them, it appears that the foundation is being laid to begin compiling a comprehensive document outlining every component of your life at the federal level. At the moment this process is scattered, with Health and Human Services having some data and the Education Department having still other data. Much of it is still concentrated at the state level, so the federal government is giving grants for the states to begin sending that information and to link the various databases together.</p> <p>What's ironic is that when you look at the titles, you'd think these bills are about citizen privacy when in fact they aren't. Jim was reminded of the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA). We were told it was all about privacy yet the privacy they speak of is that they will keep certain information from your spouse but not from government agencies.</p> <p>Alex explained how this works with schools as well. What they mean by privacy in this instance is that they won't tell parents if their son is walking around in a dress at school calling himself 'Lucy', yet the federal government can know anything they want. They can know about the dental health, mental health, the well-being, the socio-economic status, and the religious views of the child. So when they talk about privacy, they're really talking about keeping data from husbands and wives, parents and children, while at the same time keeping things totally transparent as far as what the federal government wants to see and know.</p> <p>As this program progressed, Jim and Alex discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Over one million dollars to create, develop and deploy a friendly robot called EMAR to track the mental health of children.</li> <li>--The data collection required for implementation of HR-4174.</li> <li>--The central planning behind such pieces of legislation.</li> <li>--What this means for hackers.</li> </ul>
11/29	News Roundup	Jim Schneider	<p>This Crosstalk began with Jim introducing VCY Bookstore Manager Rick Bach. Rick brought listeners information about 4 films that have been having a positive impact upon viewers. The films are: 'Courageous', 'Facing the Giants', 'Fireproof' and 'Flywheel'.</p> <p>Jim continued this broadcast by highlighting numerous headlines. Some of these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--President Trump urges China's president to use all available levers to pressure North Korea to halt its provocations, a day after Pyongyang tested a new intercontinental ballistic missile.</li> <li>--North Korea's latest ICBM demonstrated the ability to reach a range of 8,100 miles.</li> <li>--China expressed concern over North Korea's latest missile test with other nations showing concern as well including New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, the European Union and Britain.</li> <li>--Vice President Mike Pence warned North Korea not to test the resolve of President Trump or the capabilities of the U.S. military.</li> <li>--Iranian military leaders announce that they will send a fleet of warships into</li> </ul>

			<p>the Atlantic Ocean en route to the Gulf of Mexico.  --A Russian jet buzzes a U.S. Navy reconnaissance plane over the Black Sea.  --A new maritime version of the 'Iron Dome' missile defense system has been declared operational by the Israeli Defense Forces following months of testing.  --With the UK set to 'brexit' the EU, globalists in Brussels are on the move to further centralize control.  --The Supreme Court has affirmed a victory for prayer at school board meetings in Texas.  --The official White House Christmas card says, 'Merry Christmas'.  --Muslim fighters are sharing a disturbing propaganda image threatening an attack on New York at Christmas time.  --Terrorists using encrypted communication channels have been sharing posters of London's Regent Street decked out in Christmas lights and Paris' Eiffel Tower with Christmas markets in the foreground.  --Radical imams from Virginia, Maryland and Texas recently attended a fund-raising event organized by an Islamist charity where they were treated to a smorgasbord of teachings from foreign-based Islamic thinkers.  --Western Europeans fleeing from Islam and setting up colonies in Hungary.  --The Senate Budget Committee advanced the chamber's GOP tax bill.  --A federal judge Tuesday rejected a lawsuit from an official who claims that she, and not President Trump, appointed Mick Mulvaney as the rightful director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.  --Government K-8 schools in California recently became the first in America to begin demanding pro-homosexual and transgender propaganda in history textbooks.  --The 'Barbie' doll is going 'gay' and advertising a pro-sodomy agenda.  --The military must take transgender service members beginning January 1st.  --The State Department commemorated Transgender Day of Remembrance.  --The second openly transgender man to hold elected office won a seat on the Palm Springs city council.</p>
11/30	Hell Is for Real: Why It Matters	<p>Jim Schneider /  Dr. Gary Frazier</p>	<p>Dr. Gary Frazier is founder and president of Discovery Missions. He is a respected speaker and writer on the subject of Bible prophecy. He is author of numerous books, some of which were previously discussed on Crosstalk. He joined Jim to discuss, 'Hell is for Real: Why It Matters'.</p> <p>Gary believes Satan's greatest hurdle is to overcome the idea among people that there's ultimate judgment and condemnation by a holy God. If he can do that, it would be the greatest deception of all time.</p> <p>Some interesting statistical information from George Barna would seem to confirm that, at least in America, this project of Satan has gained significant traction. For example, among 6,000 respondents who answered over 40 questions, only 10% of those who claim to be Christian have what would be considered a biblical worldview. Among millennials age 18-30 that number dropped to 4%. For those in their 60's, it's only 17%.</p> <p>Amidst all of this, about 60% of people in America would say they are casual Christians. About 10% would say they're serious, integrated disciples of Christ. 9% would say they have no Christian faith at all. All of this shows we've abandoned the teachings of God's Word and have adopted concepts, false ideas and patterns that are in contradiction to what God teaches.</p> <p>The result of this is that Americans have 'flipped the coin'. Today, while</p>

			<p>people might make exception for rapists or mass murderers, many believe that virtually everyone that dies goes to heaven. That includes the ungodly who have no use for the truth of the Word of God, could care less about church and have lived lives in contradiction to what the Bible says.</p> <p>Gary brought out many solid, Bible-based facts that point assuredly to the existence of hell. For example:</p> <p>--The Bible teaches that there are far more non-believers than believers. In fact, Jesus said in Matthew 7:13-14 that broad is the road that leads to destruction and most people go that way. Narrow is the road that leads to eternal life and few there are that find it.</p> <p>--Hell is mentioned 32 times in the Old Testament and 22 times in the New Testament.</p> <p>--There's the teaching of Jesus in Luke 16 regarding the story of the rich man and poor Lazarus.</p> <p>--Jesus spent more time teaching about hell than he did about any other subject with the exception of salvation. 13% of everything Jesus uttered had to do with judgment and hell.</p> <p>So why would a loving God send people to hell or even create hell in the first place? Questions like these are answered along with some interesting challenges presented from Crosstalk listeners.</p>
12/1	Biblical Archaeology	Jim Schneider / Dr. Randall Price	<p>Dr. Randall Price is the founder and president of World of the Bible Ministries. His doctorate is in Middle Eastern studies with a concentration in Jewish studies and biblical archaeology. He is the senior curator of the Liberty Biblical Museum. He was director of excavations on the Qumran Plateau in Israel from 2002-2012 and is now co-director of Operation Scroll which led to the first discovery in over 60 years of a new Dead Sea Scroll cave. He was a senior archaeologist for the Ark Search Expedition to Mt. Ararat. He's produced five films in the Bible lands based on several of his books, 'In Search of Temple Treasures', 'Secrets of the Dead Sea Scrolls', 'The Stones Cry Out', 'Jerusalem in Prophecy' and 'The Coming Last Days Temple'. He's author or contributor to many books and articles, including being co-author of the 'Zondervan Handbook on Biblical Archaeology', set for release in late 2017.</p> <p>Dr. Price has a motto: 'Bringing the world of the Bible to the Word of the Church.' What does he mean? Dr. Price noted we have the content of Scripture which has a context. Many times we simply read the Bible in a devotional way and forget that the people and places we read about were real and connected with the events mentioned. This shows how important it is to go back to the actual context to understand how the message was originally delivered. If that's accurate, we can transport that to the 21st century and apply it more accurately to our lives.</p> <p>One of the ways we verify the people, places and events in the Bible is through biblical archaeology. With that idea in mind, this Crosstalk looked at an excavation from earlier this year that took place in a cave that was suspected to be a new Dead Sea Scrolls cave. You'll hear details of discovered jars, 2,000 year old iron picks from the original Second Temple period, who's the rightful owner of any scrolls found, further excavation plans, and much more.</p>
12/4	Will Jerusalem be Recognized as Israel's Capital?	Jim Schneider / Dr. Jimmy DeYoung	<p>This edition of Crosstalk began with news that the U.S. Senate passed a tax reform package by a vote of 51-49 with every Republican voting 'yes' with the exception of Bob Corker of Tennessee. It now moves to a conference committee that will take elements of the House and Senate tax reform packages, mesh those together, with the final proposal once again going to the House and Senate. They're looking to have this finished by Christmas.</p> <p>Joining Jim Schneider to discuss a possible move to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital was Dr. Jimmy DeYoung. Dr. DeYoung is a student of Bible prophecy and expert on the Middle East. He leads a ministry, Prophecy Today, and has spent many years living in Israel as well as having lead many trips there. He is a noted conference speaker. He constantly monitors news regarding Israel and the Middle East and</p>



			<p>provides a unique blend of political, biblical and prophetic insight that is absent from the media today.</p> <p>November 29th was the 70th anniversary of U.N. General Assembly fulfilling the promise of the 1917 Balfour Declaration. This is what is referred to as the 'Partition Plan'. This is where Dr. DeYoung began with his explanation of the history of the formation of the nation of Israel.</p> <p>As the discussion moved back to today, Jim Schneider explained that every 6 months, since around 1998, American presidents have signed a waiver postponing the transfer of the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. According to Dr. DeYoung, news has come out that either tomorrow or Wednesday, President Trump is supposedly set to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital but may delay a decision on moving the U.S. embassy.</p> <p>From his first day in office, President Trump indicated he would move the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. That didn't happen and Jewish leadership has been concerned. They feel this is key for the relationship between Israel and the U.S.</p> <p>The remainder of this Crosstalk looked at how the Netanyahu camp, Hamas and the Arab League are reacting to this news, whether this will sabotage the peace process, how this might affect existing ministries in Arab nations, the prophetic implications, and much more.</p>
12/5	Rescue Missions Meeting Needs	Jim Schneider / John Ashmen	<p>John Ashmen is the president of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions. They're North America's oldest and largest network of independent ministries providing a ministry of hospitality for the poor and powerless.</p> <p>How many people are going homeless on a daily basis? According to John, if you look at the government numbers, there are approximately 550 thousand on any given night. He also noted that while you may hear that homelessness is going down, you can't be positive about that because of the way the count is done.</p> <p>Rescue missions started in North America in the late 1800's. An immigrant from New York City named Jerry McAuley went to Sing-Sing prison for a crime he committed. While there he felt the Lord told him to go back to New York. He was to clean them up on the outside and the Lord would clean them up on the inside. There he started the Jerry MacCauley Water Street Mission.</p> <p>Missions over the years have changed. During the 'Roaring 20's', alcoholism became an issue that missions had to deal with on a regular basis. Then there was the 'Great Depression' where there were those who were jobless and hungry.</p> <p>Groups that dealt with people who were in gangs, were refugees, were alcoholics or unemployed came together because the many things they did for such individuals requires training. In order to be able to learn from one another, they formed the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions, whose roots go back to 1906.</p> <p>The Association of Gospel Rescue Missions focuses on four R's—Rescue, Redemption, Rehabilitation and Re-assimilation.</p> <p>Rescue—This has to do with the neighborhood of constant despair. It's where John sees people who realize they've made choices that are leading them to personal destruction.</p> <p>Redemption--The Bible says there is a 'reset button' and that button is 2 Corinthians 5:17.</p> <p>Rehabilitation—This is about life skills and getting your G.E.D., job training and even job placement.</p> <p>Re-assimilation—This deals with things like housing and transportation.</p> <p>As John pointed out, rescue is just the starting point. So while many such places are called 'rescue missions', more and more of the ministries that join the association don't even have the term 'rescue' in their name. Many organizations don't want to focus so much on the 'rescue' aspect but</p>

12/6	2018 Bible Reading Challenge	Jim Schneider / Randy Melchert	<p>rather on re-assimilation which is really about transformation.</p> <p>Randy Melchert is a school administrator, a researcher and a consultant. He sits on the board of directors for VCY America and is administering the 2018 Bible reading challenge.</p> <p>Jim began with a question for Randy: How is our Bible IQ as a nation and as a church are we reading our Bibles?</p> <p>Randy's response my sound shocking but it's true. He indicated that many people aren't reading anything. A recent study found that one out of four adults haven't opened up any book in the last year.</p> <p>Randy quoted the following statistics from Al Mohler:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Fewer than half of all adults can name the four gospels.</li> <li>--Many Christians can't identify more than 2 or 3 of the disciples.</li> </ul> <p>According to data from the Barna Research Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--60% of Americans can't name even 5 of the 10 Commandments.</li> <li>--82% of Americans believe 'God helps those who help themselves' is in the Bible.</li> <li>--The majority of adults believe the Bible teaches that the most important purpose in life is taking care of one's family.</li> <li>--Over 50% of graduating high school seniors thought that Sodom and Gomorrah were husband and wife.</li> <li>--A considerable number of respondents thought the Sermon on the Mount was preached by Billy Graham.</li> </ul> <p>Obviously this shows a great lack of biblical literacy. This shouldn't surprise us when you consider that only 45% of those who regularly attend a church read the Bible more than once a week. 1 out of 5 people who attend church regularly never read the Bible at all. And the most scary statistic Randy found? 80% of Americans have never read the Bible through even once.</p> <p>On the flip side, Back to the Bible's Center for Bible Engagement did a study of those who read the Bible just 4 days a week. Here's what they found:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--You're 57% less likely to get drunk.</li> <li>--You're 68% less likely to have sex outside of marriage.</li> <li>--You're 61% less likely to engage in pornography.</li> <li>--You're 74% less likely to engage in gambling.</li> <li>--You're 228% more likely to share your faith with others.</li> <li>--You're 231% more likely to disciple others.</li> <li>--You're 407% more likely to memorize Scripture.</li> </ul> <p>The key is to have a plan and a way to get started. One way to do that is through the 2018 Bible Reading Challenge that was presented on this edition of Crosstalk. It involves use of The One Year Bible published by Tyndale. This King James Version paperback is divided into 365 portions. Each day (15 minutes per day) you'll read a portion from the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Psalms and Proverbs.</p>
12/7	Islam and Deception	Jim Schneider / I.Q. al-Rassooli	<p>There is a great deception that is taking place across this nation and throughout the Western world today. It's a deception that proclaims peace, but stems from a heart of war. It's one that claims assimilation in certain circles, but believes in total supremacy at its core. We're talking about Islam and the deception that comes. You may hear certain words that sound appealing, but we warn you that Islam uses a different dictionary.</p> <p>The guest on this edition of Crosstalk came with a warning. He has said, 'The greatest tragedy in the West for the last 65 years has been self-destructive political correctness regarding any and all facts about Islam. We are witnessing the conquest of the civilized world by Islam through stealth jihad aided and abetted by our treasonous leaders. Humanity is seemingly heading to a nuclear World War III because of the inability or unwillingness of our leaders to understand the fundamentals of Islam, though they be crystal clear.'</p>

			<p>The man who said this is I.Q. al-Rassooli, an Iraqi exile, who left Iraq as a young man to study abroad at a university and took opportunity to compare the Bible to the Qur'an. What he discovered shocked him. I.Q. is an Arabic speaker, scholar and author of 'Lifting the Veil: the True Faces of Muhammad and Islam.' He has dedicated himself to expose the facts and reality of Islam to a 'Qur'an-ignorant world'. (His name is an alias, because his bold indictment of Islam places him at considerable risk.)</p> <p>I.Q. began by noting that 3 of the most egregious lies that have ever been insinuated into the human consciousness are (1) That Islam means 'peace' when actually it means 'submission'. (2) That jihad is a spiritual struggle to commune with God when actually it's a perpetual war against all non-Muslims. (3) That Allah is the same as the God of Jesus, Moses and Abraham.</p> <p>So for I.Q., Islam is all about the priority of deception. One of these forms is called, 'taqiyah'. He described how, under taqiyah, a Muslim who normally isn't allowed to drink wine or eat pork, could sit with a Christian (or any non-Muslim) and do those things for as long as the intent is to deceive. As long as deception is the motive, those things that are normally off-limits for the Muslim are considered, 'Halal' (legal or not prohibited).</p> <p>This is just the beginning of this look at the deceptive core of Islam. The broadcast also looked at Shariah, the refusal of the media to give air-time to I.Q. to debate others within Islam, why the term 'Islamophobia' is an oxymoron, whether a true Muslim can ever be true to the U.S. Constitution, and much more.</p>
12/8	News Roundup	Jim Schneider	<p>From President Trump's decision on Jerusalem to the California wildfires and more, there was much to cover for Jim on this edition of the 'round-up'. Stories included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--In a televised address from the White House, President Trump announced that the United States officially recognizes the city of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and will begin the process of moving its embassy there.</li> <li>--The long awaited symbolic move addresses the historic injustice showing how Israel is the only nation in the world not allowed to choose its own capital.</li> <li>--Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised President Trump on his decision.</li> <li>--250 major Israeli rabbi's send a letter of gratitude to President Trump.</li> <li>--President Trump's Jerusalem decision is said to be a major step toward establishing the Third Temple.</li> <li>--Prominent conservatives applaud President Trump's move concerning Jerusalem.</li> <li>--Remnants of the 'Never Trump' movement generally acknowledged that he had done something special in recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and directed the State Department to begin moving the embassy there.</li> <li>--Democrats divided over President Trump's move concerning Jerusalem.</li> <li>--The Council on American/Islamic relations (CAIR) call on Americans to urge their elected representatives in Congress to denounce the president's decision regarding Jerusalem.</li> <li>--Pamela Geller reported that President Trump has set the example for others to follow and the first is the Czech Republic, as they've announced that they recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.</li> <li>--Vice President Mike Pence now considered unwelcome in Palestine.</li> <li>--The Muslim Brotherhood is pledging to shed blood and wage war against the U.S.</li> <li>--Al Qaida is urging its followers across the world to attack the U.S. and its allies in response to the president's decision.</li> <li>--3,000 Palestinians held violent protests across the West Bank and Gaza over Jerusalem.</li> <li>--The U.N. called an emergency session today to discuss President Trump's</li> </ul>

			<p>Jerusalem decision.</p> <p>--Wildfires continue to wreak havoc in Southern California.</p> <p>--The Trump administration declared a state of emergency for California.</p> <p>--Beverly Young Nelson has admitted that she forged a portion of the infamous high school yearbook inscription that she and attorney Gloria Allred used as alleged proof of her accusations against U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore.</p> <p>--ABC News downplayed this latest Roy Moore news by presenting the admission of forgery as just adding notes to the inscription.</p> <p>--The Roy Moore Senate campaign sent a letter to the Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill, asking him to investigate potential vote fraud in the upcoming special election to replace Jeff Sessions.</p> <p>--President Trump honors Pearl Harbor veterans.</p> <p>--The House and Senate approved stop-gap legislation in order to avert a possible government shut-down ahead of tonight's midnight deadline.</p> <p>--Employers added 228,000 jobs last month and the unemployment rate held at 4.1%. That's the lowest level since December of 2000.</p>
12/11	Can We Still Believe in the Rapture?	Jim Schneider / Ed Hindson	<p>The rapture remains one of the most debated issues in Christian theology. Virtually every Christian denomination affirms belief in the eventual return of Christ, however, there's a wide variety of opinion with regard to when and how Christ will return. Others question whether Jesus will rapture believers at all. Today the blessed hope that believers will be 'caught up' to heaven is being challenged with new waves of criticism. Is the rapture taught in the Bible? Can we really expect Jesus to gather up believers before the antichrist is revealed?</p> <p>Dr. Ed Hindson is the dean of the School of Divinity and Distinguished Professor of Religion at Liberty University. He's the speaker on The King is Coming and author and general editor of 40 books including the newly released, 'Can We Still Believe in the Rapture' which he co-authored with Mark Hitchcock.</p> <p>Dr. Hindson began by noting that the biblical term 'rapture' in English is generally translated as 'caught up'. In the original Greek New Testament it's the word, 'harpazo'. As he phrased it, '...and it basically means zap, you're out of here; caught way, snatched away, taken away.' Jesus will come quickly, instantaneously to take believers home to heaven. This term was used as early as the 1600's by various Puritan writers to describe this event.</p> <p>What about those who say the term is not in the English Bible? Just as the term 'Trinity' is not in the Bible, the concept is there. In like manner, just as the term, 'rapture' is not in our Bibles, the concept is there along with the word in the Greek New Testament.</p> <p>In light of that, the real question is not whether there is a rapture, but instead, when will it occur. There has to be a time when the dead are raised and those still living are caught up according to 1st Thessalonians 4. You can debate when you believe that's going to occur but it has to occur. So just as there has to be a second, promised coming when Jesus returns, there also has to be a rapture.</p> <p>As this Crosstalk moved along, Dr. Hindson dealt with so much more including:</p> <p>--What is the proper way to interpret prophecy?</p> <p>--Why is there such a large divide surrounding this topic in Christian circles?</p> <p>--What are the various views concerning the timing of the rapture?</p> <p>--Does the rapture communicate escapism?</p> <p>--Is there anything on the prophetic time line that could or perhaps must occur before the rapture takes place?</p>
12/12	Forcing transgenderism on the	Jim Schneider / Elaine	<p>President Obama opened the floodgates for transgenderism to be front and center in our military. This drastic change in policy also allows the American taxpayer to pay for so-called 'transition therapy' and 'transition surgery'. We're told it's a 'right' and that it allows our nation's finest to be involved in our military readiness.</p>

	<p>Military</p>	<p>Donnelly</p>	<p>President Trump, on the other hand, sees things differently. He put a ban on the Obama order taking effect, that is until 2 federal judges decided that they have more authority on this issue than the Commander in Chief.</p> <p>Where do things stand? How imminent is this for the military? What can you do?</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss this issue was Elaine Donnelly. Elaine is the president of the Center for Military Readiness, an independent, nonpartisan, public policy organization that specializes in military/social issues.</p> <p>Back in 2010, President Obama was pushing hard to repeal the 1993 law regarding gays in the military. At that time it was denied that repeal would lead to what we're seeing today; an open door into the military for those who are confused about their gender identity.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the Department of Defense has bought into the idea that gender can be changed, and the leaders of the military have gone along with Obama's mandates, directives, instructions and training programs.</p> <p>Now we're at the point that there are some holdovers from the Obama administration and the Department of Defense that are resisting President Trump. In addition, there are 2 activist federal judges, one in Washington, D.C. and another in Baltimore, one of which, according to Elaine, seems to be acting as supreme judicial commander of the military. Judges have no constitutional authority to run the military and the result is that President Trump's directives are being undermined.</p> <p>Anthony Kurta implemented the transgender policies under President Obama. Kurta has been running the study group/panel of experts that will make recommendations to President Trump on what his policy concerning transgenders should be. He's going to be the deputy to the official in the Pentagon who is supposed to be responsible for these personnel matters.</p> <p>Unfortunately Secretary of Defense Mattis cannot create delays on this issue without being in contempt of court. However, Elaine believes he could clean the holdovers out of his department who are helping advance the LGBT cause. This could start with the already mentioned Anthony Kurta.</p> <p>So why does President Obama's pen seem to have more power than President Trump's pen? Elaine explained that it's simply because the judge said so. On one hand the judge said that the military agreed with Obama's policy and according to Elaine, 'They were duty bound to make that policy work.' On the other hand the judge said they couldn't wait for the Department of Defense to come up with an objective study because President Trump already announced his intent via Tweets, therefore it won't be fair, open and objective, so the plaintiffs win. She then issued a preliminary injunction saying this is so urgent that the policy of the president must be overturned and everything has to begin January 1, a date that Secretary Mattis agreed to.</p> <p>Elaine believes the only way to stop this is for the Trump administration to fight the order from the judge and have the Department of Justice do what they should have done weeks ago, and that's to appeal this directly to the Supreme Court.</p>
<p>12/13</p>	<p>Soapbox Speeches from Crosstalk Listeners</p>	<p>Jim Schneider</p>	<p>This edition of Crosstalk began with news related to yesterday's program regarding transgenders in the military. The Department of Justice filed an appeal in the DC Federal Appeals Court after the U.S. District Court for DC said that the military must begin accepting so-called transgender recruits. The Justice Department has appealed that to the next court level and if they won't hear the case, Jim indicated the next level may be the Supreme Court.</p> <p>The next item on the agenda dealt with the latest news concerning the Alabama Senate election involving Republican Roy Moore and his Democrat challenger Doug Jones. Jones received 49.9% of the vote while Moore received 48.7%. If after provisional, absentee and military ballots are counted, the margin between the candidates is more than one-half of one percent, Moore will have to pay for any recount.</p>

			<p>Jim then presented news regarding the Human Rights Campaign. This pro-LGBT organization is gloating over the Doug Jones victory.</p> <p>Comments were also presented from Brian Darling, former staffer for Senator Rand Paul, who believes the victory by Jones will hurt the conservative agenda.</p> <p>After presenting those news items, Jim took calls from listeners who were allowed to get on their 'soap box' and express what's on their hearts and minds.</p>
12/14	Survey of Security Issues	Jim Schneider / Frank Gaffney	<p>Frank Gaffney is the founder, president and CEO of the Center for Security Policy, a not-for-profit, non-partisan educational corporation. He's a national security expert and served in the Reagan administration as the assistant secretary of defense for international security policy. He's the lead author of 'War Footing: Ten Steps America Must Take to Prevail in the War for the Free World', co-author of 'Sharia: The Threat to America' and other titles as well.</p> <p>President Trump recently signed into law the 700 billion dollar 2018 National Defense Authorization Act. Through this the president appears to be promising a major military buildup. Does Frank believe this hits the mark or does this miss it?</p> <p>Frank believes this legislation is a positive step in the right direction after decades of benign neglect by the two Bush administrations, and at worst, a wrecking operation against our military by the Obama administration.</p> <p>On Israel, Frank sees the desire to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem as significant because it recognizes reality. That reality is that Israel has won repeatedly in a succession of wars. He believes that as we indulge in the fantasy and false narrative that the Palestinians are entitled to all of this land, they want to drive the Jews into the sea and they actually haven't been defeated, the more you'll find them behaving in the way they have all these years. That includes engaging in jihadist behavior, not just against Israel, but against Americans and others who are on our side.</p> <p>Yesterday, Ambassador Nikki Haley indicated she has irrefutable evidence that Iran deliberately violated the so-called 'Iran Deal'. Frank has not seen the evidence Haley speaks of, but he thinks what she's pointing out is that Iran has been collaborating with North Korea to acquire nuclear weapons technology and capability and the missiles with which to deliver that. President Obama gave Iran 150 billion dollars, some of which Frank believes is migrating to North Korea, while he believes North Korea is possibly sharing nuclear missiles with Iran.</p> <p>Does Frank see any subsiding of tensions between the U.S. and North Korea? Is the solution to take the diplomatic route or is it peace through strength? Frank communicated that we've sought a diplomatic solution for a long time. Diplomacy has been used by the North Korean's to buy time as well as to obtain the resources that's enabled them to continue to build the threats that confront our nation. In essence, he believes diplomacy has been a failure up to this point, yet the alternative can be very costly in terms of lives lost. Unfortunately, we may have no other choice but to act preemptively to protect our nation.</p> <p>Does China have any culpability in all of this? Successive administrations have told us that China is our partner in trying to contain the North Korean threat. Frank has never believed that and it's become increasingly apparent that China has actually been enabling this threat. Frank described the contrast this way: North Korea has made advances in nuclear weapons technology, yet this is coming from an impoverished, backward nation. They could not possibly do this by themselves. In other words, Frank believes North Korea has been benefiting in this way from China. So far from being a partner, he believes China is enabling this threat.</p> <p>Russia and China are aggressively expanding their nuclear arsenal. Are we keeping up with this? Do we recognize this threat? Having worked for the Reagan administration, he recognizes how that was the 'heyday' of America's attentiveness to the need to have a reliable, safe, effective and credible nuclear deterrent. Ever since, we've been neglecting our nuclear arsenal. In fact, we haven't even tested an underground nuclear weapon since 1992 and have scarcely done any modernization. So we're basically</p>

			living off the legacy of what was accomplished during the Reagan years.
12/15	News Roundup	Jim Schneider	
12/18	Tax Reform and Economic Issues	Jim Schneider / Dan Celia	<p>Dan Celia is the president of Financial Issues Stewardship Ministries.</p> <p>Dan believes the tax plan will pass and that even Senator McCain said he'd come back if his vote is needed. He suspects the vote will probably be before the end of the week with the president signing it over the weekend.</p> <p>For all practical purposes, the Senate version prevailed. For instance, the House version had 4 tax brackets, the Senate had 7. The Senate repealed the individual mandate, the House had the mandate left in place. The Senate had a \$2,000 child tax credit (The Senate won out on that point.) while the House had a \$1,600 tax credit. Individual tax rates will expire in 2025. That was also from the Senate bill. The corporate tax rate is going to be made permanent.</p> <p>The corporate tax rate cut in the House version was to take effect January 1, 2018, whereas the Senate wanted to put that off for a year. In the final version it's going to be 21% taking effect this January 1.</p> <p>Dan mentioned an expiration year of 2025 for tax reform cuts coming for average citizens. Where's the pressure coming from not to make these permanent as is the case with corporate taxes? Wouldn't our legislators want to make relief for average Americans permanent?</p> <p>Dan expects this will get extended year by year by year so that they have the option at any time to raise taxes. He's not sure where the pressure is coming from other than the Congressional Budget Office. He feels it works better in the long-term if the tax cuts are set to expire in 2025 and then as he noted, '...let's see where we are with the expectations of maintaining just a 1.5 trillion dollar increase to the deficit.'</p> <p>This program covered a lot of detailed ground as it pertains to this issue of the tax plan. Additional areas covered include:</p> <p>--Where does the Johnson Amendment stand in all of this as it concerns churches and non-profits that get behind and endorse candidates? Is this a policy matter that shouldn't be part of a tax reform package?</p> <p>--What does Dan believe will happen to Obamacare now that the individual mandate is being removed?</p> <p>--Dan commented on how the Obama administration did an amazing job of demonizing the idea of profits in corporate America, an idea that continues today. What were the results?</p> <p>--Is Dan concerned about the market being overly inflated such that we could see a severe correction in the near future?</p>
12/19	Controversy Over Jerusalem as Israel's Capitol	Jim Schneider / Dr. Gary Frazier	<p>Dr. Gary Frazier is a respected speaker and writer on the subject of Bible prophecy. He's the founder and president of Discovery Missions. He's the author of numerous books including one we've previously discussed, 'Miracle of Israel' subtitle, 'The Shocking, Untold Story of God's Love for His People'.</p> <p>20 years ago, Congress passed a resolution to have Jerusalem declared to be the capital of Israel. However, president after president 'kicked the can down the road'. Even President Trump passed on the opportunity in June, instead choosing to grant another 6 month extension. Recently that extension came to an end and this time the president made the declaration. Dr. Frazier was thrilled to not only hear about this but to also witness it on December 6th.</p> <p>Dr. Frazier reminded listeners that Jerusalem is named over 300 times in the Bible. So when you consider that this city has not only biblical prominence but also historical and political prominence, a question comes up. Is there anyone who doesn't already know that Jerusalem is Israel's capital? This is why Dr. Frazier feels it's absurd that people would have a problem with the president's proclamation.</p> <p>He reminded listeners that King David made Jerusalem the capital 3,000 years ago under the unified kingdom of Israel. The Knesset, the prime minister's office and almost all of Israel's governmental offices located</p>

			<p>there. So when the president made his proclamation, he absolutely affirmed what we already know to be biblically correct and historically accurate. Dr. Frazier also believes it was the moral thing to do and it's politically expedient because this was a campaign promise.</p> <p>Since the 1993 Oslo Accords, we've been dangling a carrot to the Palestinian Muslims this idea that perhaps one day they'd get Jerusalem as the capital of a Palestinian state. When the president made his declaration on December 6th, he put a 'nail in that coffin' which sent a message saying, 'That ship has sailed. Now do you want to talk about something else?' Dr. Frazier admitted this doesn't rule out a two-state solution, but it just won't involve Jerusalem as the capital of a Palestinian state.</p> <p>Jim then pointed to the contrast of activities in just the past year. President Obama was urging Israel to give terrorist supporting Palestinians half of Jerusalem, Old Jerusalem, the Temple Mount, the Western Wall and then on December 23rd we saw the U.S./Israel relationship come to a head through a U.N. Security Council resolution to effectively sign over the holiest sites in Judaism and Christianity to radical Muslim groups.</p> <p>Dr. Frazier's response was to describe President Obama as an ideologue, while he described President Trump as a pragmatic businessman who not only understands Israel's history and America, but what's also in our best interest.</p> <p>Dr. Frazier's not under any allusion that that the morality of our culture is not 'going to the toilet'. On the world scene what we're seeing is somewhat of a reprieve. He doesn't know how long this will last, however, he communicated that America is not the center of God's universe in the last days. Israel and the Middle East is.</p> <p>Why is the prime minister of England against this? The president of Turkey has talked about opening an embassy to Palestine in Jerusalem. Does this create the scenario for a 'collision course'? Is Islam a satanic religion? Can Russia really be an 'honest mediator' in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict? You'll hear solid, biblically-based answers to these questions and others on this edition of Crosstalk.</p>
12/20	2018 Bible Reading Challenge	Jim Schneider / Randy Melchert	<p>Randy Melchert is a school administrator, a researcher and a consultant. He sits on the board of directors for VCY America and is administering the 2018 Bible reading challenge.</p> <p>Jim began with a question for Randy: How is our Bible IQ as a nation and as a church are we reading our Bibles?</p> <p>Randy's response my sound shocking but it's true. He indicated that many people aren't reading anything. A recent study found that one out of four adults haven't opened up any book in the last year.</p> <p>Randy quoted the following statistics from Al Mohler:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Fewer than half of all adults can name the four gospels.</li> <li>--Many Christians can't identify more than 2 or 3 of the disciples.</li> </ul> <p>According to data from the Barna Research Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--60% of Americans can't name even 5 of the 10 Commandments.</li> <li>--82% of Americans believe 'God helps those who help themselves' is in the Bible.</li> <li>--The majority of adults believe the Bible teaches that the most important purpose in life is taking care of one's family.</li> <li>--Over 50% of graduating high school seniors thought that Sodom and Gomorrah were husband and wife.</li> <li>--A considerable number of respondents thought the Sermon on the Mount was preached by Billy Graham.</li> </ul> <p>Obviously this shows a great lack of biblical literacy. This shouldn't surprise us when you consider that only 45% of those who regularly attend a church read the Bible more than once a week. 1 out of 5 people</p>



			<p>who attend church regularly never read the Bible at all. And the most scary statistic Randy found? 80% of Americans have never read the Bible through even once.</p> <p>On the flip side, Back to the Bible's Center for Bible Engagement did a study of those who read the Bible just 4 days a week. Here's what they found:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--You're 57% less likely to get drunk.</li> <li>--You're 68% less likely to have sex outside of marriage.</li> <li>--You're 61% less likely to engage in pornography.</li> <li>--You're 74% less likely to engage in gambling.</li> <li>--You're 228% more likely to share your faith with others.</li> <li>--You're 231% more likely to disciple others.</li> <li>--You're 407% more likely to memorize Scripture.</li> </ul> <p>The key is to have a plan and a way to get started. One way to do that is through the 2018 Bible Reading Challenge that was presented on this edition of Crosstalk. It involves use of The One Year Bible published by Tyndale. This King James Version paperback is divided into 365 portions. Each day (15 minutes per day) you'll read a portion from the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Psalms and Proverbs.</p>
12/21	News Roundup	Jim Schneider	<p>These are some of the items making news as we head toward the Christmas holiday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--The U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly condemned President Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital in an emergency meeting.</li> <li>--U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley gives strong message at the U.N. supporting the position of President Trump.</li> <li>--More than 100 large banners that read 'God bless Trump' are on display throughout Jerusalem.</li> <li>--President Trump is moved by plan of an Israeli town to name a park after him.</li> <li>--Audio of President Trump at White House cabinet meeting asking Ben Carson to pray.</li> <li>--The House of Representatives gave their final approval to the tax reform bill.</li> <li>--The nation's new tax system to go into effect in 12 days.</li> <li>--Some major corporations raise wages and announce year-end employee bonuses due to GOP tax bill.</li> <li>--Mitch McConnell believes the new tax bill provides middle class tax relief and business changes that will make America more competitive.</li> <li>--American's for Limited Government praised the efforts by Congress and the Trump administration to repeal the individual mandate under the health care law.</li> <li>--Representative Steve Scalise scolded former Obama National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes for a 'Tweet' hoping for the upcoming 'obits' of several prominent Republicans.</li> <li>--President Trump presented the administration's 'America First' national security strategy.</li> <li>--The U.S. economy grew at its fastest pace in more than 2 years in the 3rd quarter.</li> <li>--The black unemployment rate under President Trump is the lowest it's been in 17 years.</li> <li>--Confidence among home builders jumped in December hitting its highest level since July.</li> <li>--President Trump's EPA took the first steps toward proposing its own version of climate change regulations.</li> <li>--The Pentagon has said it will follow federal court orders requiring the start of recruiting next month for transgenders.</li> </ul>

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12/22	Christmas Reflections 2017	Jim Schneider	<p>As Jim noted, this time of year, '...it's important that we sit back, take a deep breath, and focus on the reason why we celebrate Christmas.'</p> <p>Christmas is a time we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. As 1 John 4:14 says, 'And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.' Jesus was born to die that we might live.</p> <p>In light of that, Jim set aside the issues of the day in order to reflect upon Christmas. Extended time was offered to Crosstalk listeners so that they'd have the opportunity to tell others what makes Christmas special for them.</p> <p>Merry Christmas from the Crosstalk team and VCY America!</p>
12/25	"Tell the Story"		Christmas Special Contata
12/26	"The Lamb of Bethlehem"		Christmas Special Contata
12/27	The Greatest problem Facing America Today	Jim Schneider	<p>What do you believe is the most important problem facing America today? Here's just a selection of the responses that came in as Jim opened the lines of discussion on this edition of Crosstalk:</p> <p>...sin/turning away from Christ...  ...pulpits backing away from the truth...  ...the moral breakdown of the general public...  ...lack of the fear of God...  ...prayer taken out of the schools...  ...having to speak with 'political correctness'...  ...apathy among Christians...  ...the false dominant church...  ...people letting electronics become their 'god'...  ...Christians having a fear of stepping outside of their 'comfort zones'...  ...self-centeredness...  ...unbelief...</p>
12/28	Hate Tracker Jumps to New Levels	Jim Schneider / Richard Mast	<p>Richard Mast is the senior litigation counsel for Liberty Counsel, a ministry that advocates on behalf of religious freedom, the sanctity of human life, and to strengthen marriage and the family.</p> <p>Many Crosstalk listeners are familiar with The Southern Poverty Law Center and their attempts at monitoring organizations that they deem as promoting 'hate'. Now they've introduced what they term a 'hate tracker'.</p> <p>Richard noted that this is not about monitoring hate but instead is about silencing conservative, political discourse and adding fuel to the idea that there's a groundswell of hate across America. In other words, what the SPLC defines as 'hate' is support for traditional values and the biblical principles which, in turn, under gird our laws.</p> <p>He believes that the SPLC wants to cast anyone that espouses a conservative political viewpoint as a 'hater' and therefore cut off any hope of reasoned debate. They don't want to understand what Christians believe about various moral issues. In fact, they've communicated that their intent is to destroy everyone that they've labeled as a hate group.</p>

			<p>The problem is that the SPLC not only recognizes those groups that are truly violent and hate-filled, but that they also lump in conservative Christian groups that simply advocate for a biblical worldview on such issues as homosexuality and transgender confusion. Such groups include Liberty Counsel, D. James Kennedy Ministries and the Family Research Council.</p> <p>This position by the SPLC is what led to an individual who tried to shoot up the Family Research Council, as well as Congressman Scalise who was falsely labeled as being part of white supremacist meetings.</p> <p>The SPLC's 'hate-tracker' efforts are said to have included monitoring use of the word, 'Jesus'. Richard added that this effort also includes monitoring of the moniker M.A.G.A. (the acronym for Make America Great Again) which he believes proves that they're attempting to demonize conservative opponents.</p> <p>Richard explained specifically why the organization he represents, Liberty Counsel, is not a 'hate' group. He described Liberty Counsel as a Christian ministry that believes every person is made in God's image and have inherent dignity as creatures of God, regardless of where they fall on the political spectrum or personal sin habits. They believe political discourse should be civil and respectful. They believe there can still be disagreement among individuals but it should be handled politely and non-violently.</p> <p>As this Crosstalk continued, Jim and Richard looked at how the SPLC is trying to pressure the tech and media world to shut down any group they list as a 'hate' group, the Department of Justice view on the subject, the method Liberty Counsel uses to counter such aggression, the Senate seat election in Alabama, the moving of the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem, Governor Jerry Brown of California offering pardons to felons that are set to be deported, and a government raid that uncovered baby bodies preserved in a warehouse.</p>
12/29	The United Nations: From Chicago to Israel	Jim Schneider / Alex Newman	<p>Crime and violence are running rampant in Chicago. A Cook County commissioner calls it, 'quiet genocide' as over 650 murders have taken place in 2017. In response, he's requesting for the United Nations to deploy peace-keeping troops to the city.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the U.N. has passed another anti-Israel resolution, condemning the U.S. for recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of that nation.</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss these two issues was Alex Newman. Alex is an international freelance journalist, educator and consultant. His articles frequently appear in <a href="#">The New American</a>. He also writes for Freedom Project Media.</p> <p>County Commissioner Richard Boykin is the person responsible for the call to bring U.N. peace-keeping troops into Chicago. According to Alex, Boykin, who is very anti-police and 'left-wing' in his politics, flew to U.N. headquarters in New York City to meet with a number of U.N. officials on this matter.</p> <p>Why not just call in the National Guard? Boykin responded by saying, 'The difference is, I'm not so sure that the National Guard is so used to peace-keeping and a peace-keeping role. The U.N is trained in this.'</p> <p>Alex then relayed history of a problem in a province that was determined had to remain part of the Congo. U.N. peace-keepers came in and began bayoneting children, bombing hospitals and launching mortars on civilian homes. He indicated that these kinds of atrocities have occurred in every place where U.N. peace-keeping troops have been deployed. In fact, he challenged readers to show him even one place where such troops are doing a decent job.</p> <p>In another example he mentioned how 8 out of 10 underage girls in a town on the Ivory Coast admitted to being regularly raped and sexually exploited by occupying U.N. troops.</p> <p>Equally disturbing is the U.N.'s open belief that there are too many black people in the world. Alex has papers from the U.N. proving this as they express the idea that the black population in Africa has to be reduced.</p>

		<p>Does the U.N. actually have the power to deploy such troops in the U.S.? Alex explained that there's no mandate from the U.N. to send peacekeepers to the U.S., but the implications surrounding the fact that this is even being talked about are huge. Aside from this, the Constitution prohibits any state from forming an alliance with any foreign power.</p> <p>How has Mayor Rahm Emanuel responded to this? He hasn't, although it's interesting to note that Boykin has been critical of Emanuel in spite of the fact that they are similar in their politics and views on government and the role of the U.N.</p> <p>Regarding Alex's analysis of the decision to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem, he communicated that whether one likes it or not, the government of Israel is situated there. In 1995 we passed a law stating that it's time we move our embassy to Israel's capital, and every six months, presidents signed waivers so they wouldn't have to do that. President Trump did that as well the first time around, but as many now know, he's determined to move our embassy to Jerusalem.</p> <p>There's much more to glean from this program, including audio on the topic of the embassy from Ambassador Nikki Haley, our withdrawing from UNESCO, our funding of the U.N., the U.N.'s chastening of the U.S. regarding poverty/human rights, and more.</p>
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### K. Other Programs

Issues covered during this quarter:

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None to report				

### III. Public Service Announcements (12/25 – no PSA for all Christmas music)

ACR / SBI / ASBD	12/08/17 – 09:04
Ad Council	11/06/17 – 10:45 11/22/17 – 08:37
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons	10/24/17 – 13:28
American Heart Association	10/10/17 – 13:29 12/13/17 – 08:32
American Health Assistance Foundation	10/26/17 – 12:48
American Lung Association	10/23/17 – 10:45
American Stroke Association	11/21/17 – 13:44
Autism Speaks	11/30/17 – 12:04
Choose to Save.org	11/17/17 – 09:04 11/20/17 – 10:46
Crown Financial Ministries	10/13/17 – 09:04 12/17/17 – 12:04
CTIA	11/28/17 – 13:21
Department of Homeland Security	11/16/17 – 12:43
EPA	11/01/17 – 08:34
FEMA	10/17/17 – 13:30 12/28/17 – 12:04 12/29/17 – 09:04
National Crime Prevention Society	10/27/17 – 09:04 10/30/17 – 10:45

	10/31/17 – 13:29
National Foundation of Credit Counseling	10/02/17 – 10:45 10/11/17 – 08:45 10/12/17 – 12:15 10/25/17 – 08:30 11/13/17 – 10:45 12/14/17 – 12:04 12/15/17 – 09:04 12/19/17 – 13:44
National Pest management Association	11/08/17 – 08:32
Nathional Safely Council	12/04/17 – 10:44
Partnership for Healthy Mouths & healthy Lives	11/23/17 – 12:04
Selective Service System	12/11/17 – 10:46 12/12/17 – 13:43 12/18/17 – 10:46 12/20/17 – 08:31
Target Lyme	11/07/17 – 13:29
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission	11/14/17 – 13:30
U.S. Department of Health and Human Service	11/02/17 – 12:44 11/03/17 – 09:04
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	10/03/17 – 09:04 12/26/17 – 13:44
U.S. Forest Service	11/24/17 – 09:04 12/05/17 – 13:26 12/06/07 – 08:30 12/07/17 – 12:04
U.S. Marine Corps	11/27/17 – 10:46
USDA	10/20/17 – 09:04 12/01/17 – 09:04
Veteran Crisis Line	11/29/17 – 08:27
Vision Council of America	10/18/17 – 08:15 11/09/17 – 12:44 11/10/17 – 09:04 11/15/17 – 08:28
Wounded Warrior Project	10/16/17 – 10:44 12/21/17 – 12:04 12/22/17 – 09:04