

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST-WEKL(FM)
First Quarter 2022 (January-March)

The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WEKL(FM), AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, for the period of January 1 – March 31, 2022. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific Standard/Daylight Savings Time.

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Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Home Improvement Families	Closer Look	Jan 2	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p>Americans On The Move - The Great Reshuffling? Facing realities, sometimes economic, sometimes health-related, people nationwide are reassessing personal priorities. Dvera Cohn of Pew Research Center confirms “about 1 in 20 adults told us they had moved permanently or temporarily due to the coronavirus outbreak,” a marked uptick from years past.</p> <p>Related Links: https://www.makemymove.com/ https://www.bankrate.com/authors/jeff-ostrowski/</p>
Family Adoption	Closer Look	Feb 6	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p>Real Talk on Adoption - Thoughts On Trauma, Dignity and Birth Parents Adopting a child is beautiful -- but messy. “We’re not always looking at it from the adoptee’s side,” cautions Jenn Hook, co-founder Replanted Ministry. Vanessa Joy Walker was adopted as a baby. “Grief is woven into an adoptee’s journey,” she says, adding desperate questions about birthparents are sometimes suppressed by pressure to be grateful. Walker advises parents to coach even young adopted children on how, when and with whom to share their own stories. “The grief and the gratitude can co-exist.” Billie Branham reports.</p>

Family Single Parents	Closer Look	Feb 13	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><u>‘Solo’ Parent Society Hosts Free Online Support Groups</u></p> <p>After 13 years of marriage, Robert Beeson suddenly found himself single. “My wife left me -- and left me with our three daughters who were 9, 7 and 4 at the time. It was the darkest season.”</p> <p>Grappling with this new solo responsibility, the divorced dad turned to his church for comfort and support. He was saddened to find very few Christian resources address the deep loneliness and doubt that many single parents endure. Out of his own need to be part of a welcoming faith community, Beeson founded the Solo Parent Society.</p> <p>Hear the weekly podcast at Accessmore: https://www.accessmore.com/pd/Solo-Parent-Society</p>
Unplanned Pregnancy	Closer Look	Mar 27	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Young Girls Pregnant And Scared Turn To StandUpGirl.com</p> <p>Dawn-Marie Perez, executive director of StandUpGirl.com says their site stands ready to help. “Our mission is to have these girls be able to find life-affirming information through us -- and then we connect them with pregnancy centers in their neighborhood.” Quick response is essential. “If you go google the word ‘abortion’ right now there are millions of websites that are gonna come up. Our goal is to have StandUpGirl show up on that <i>first page</i> of their google search.”</p>

Family – Childhood Illness	Closer Look	Mar 13	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p>Sick Children Hunt And Fish Thanks To Catch-A-Dream Foundation</p> <p>The Catch-A-Dream Foundation provides all-expense paid trips for terminally-ill children who crave outdoor adventure. “Our job is to give them that opportunity to have what one child once called, a ‘vacation from being sick’-- he said, ‘when I’m huntin’ and fishin’ I don’t really feel bad.” Catch-A-Dream was specifically founded as a Christ-centered organization weaving the message of God’s love and salvation into everything they do. Phil O’Bryan speaks with founding board member Dr. Marty Brunson.</p>
Military & Faith	Closer Look	Jan 9	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p>U.S. Soldiers Join Cru Military Ministry Worldwide</p> <p>U.S. soldiers must endure grueling physical training. They suffer sleepless nights, heavy rucksacks, muddy marches and lonely months --or years-- separated from loved ones. As battle drills build strength and endurance for mind and body, Cru Military Ministry seeks to strengthen a soldier’s heart and soul. The mission “for us, specifically...it’s <i>spiritual fitness</i>,” says Dave Eatman, retired Marine and Cru National Director. The ministry offers “discipleship, education and mentoring and encouragement to serve Christ well and walk with Christ well while in uniform.”</p>
Mentoring Youth & Faith	Closer Look	Jan 16	7:00 pm	15 minutes	<p>‘Dare To Dream’ School Assemblies Ignite Hope In Tweens, Teens</p> <p>Air1’s Dare To Dream school assemblies rely heavily on the power of personal experience, starting with the unlikely success Randy Rich enjoyed as a professional football player for the Detroit Lions, Denver Broncos, Oakland Raiders and Cleveland Browns. Various artists, musicians and pro-athletes take the mic to share their own struggles to believe and achieve.</p>

Mentoring Black Youth	Closer Look	Mar 20	7:15 pm	14 minutes	<p>Tech Careers Encouraged Among Black Youth Through 'Hidden Genius'</p> <p>The Hidden Genius Project began when five business and tech titans, all black men, partnered to mentor black boys for careers in science and technology in Oakland California. Not only do 95% of program participants graduate from high school, but many go on to head up other impactful social and educational outreaches in their communities. Kindra Ponzio talks with founding exec. director Brandon Nicholson.</p>
Teens	Closer Look	Feb 20	7:00 pm	15 minutes	<p>Help for Runaway Teens, Free Bus Tickets To Safety</p> <p>Teenagers are especially vulnerable to the evils of modern slavery. "Human trafficking is a legitimate concern for folks out the street," says Jeff Stern, CEO of the National Runaway Safeline. More than 4-million teenagers are homeless every year, though not always by choice. "Whether it's that they don't feel safe in their own home, or whether they've been kicked out, this is not something young people generally want." Whatever drove them to the streets, hunger inevitably awaits. Traffickers spot runaways as easy prey and sometimes offer food to bait the trap.</p>
Children & Cyber Safety	Closer Look	Jan 16	7:15 pm	15 minutes	<p>Young Children Give Out Phone Numbers, Chat With Strangers Online</p> <p>An Interview with the Center for Cyber Safety and Education and Eliza McCoy with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children about their age-appropriate training program called Netsmartz.</p>

Human Trafficking	Closer Look	Feb 20	7:15 pm	15 minutes	<p>A 'Call To Action': Challenging Human Trafficking Among Native American Tribes</p> <p>Matthew Holgate is on a mission. He's student body president at Christ-centered Vanguard University in California. And he's becoming an expert in human trafficking, especially among his people in the Navajo Nation. "First, I see a call to action in Matthew chapter 5 when Jesus talks about being salt and light," Holgate explains, "And secondly, from Proverbs...the New Living Translation, it reads, <i>Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed</i> (Proverbs 31:8)." Holgate sees that scripture as a second call to action for him to stand up for Native American people, who "have had their voices taken from them - and in some cases, they're not even invited to the table." One factor that may surprise many, catering vulnerable girls and women to licentious men is not the most common form of trafficking. Holgate shares that "labor trafficking" is the biggest form of trafficking and accounts for about 2/3rds of all trafficking globally. Victims of this tactic may end up washing dishes or other menial tasks, or exhaustive hard labor, at little or no pay and terrible living conditions. Holgate makes it clear that "traffickers are sneaky and traffickers are smart" often setting up situations that make it difficult to bring charges against them. Extortion and intimidation often involve immigrants, who know little about protective laws, and feel helpless when the traffickers confiscate their documents, leaving the immigrants with no identification capability. Traffickers prey upon their already existing distrust of government agencies. Looking ahead, Holgate has a fairly definite idea of what he wants to do once he graduates. We suspect he will become a force of good representing Christ in the battle against</p>
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Public Safety	Closer Look	Jan 23	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Be Safer at Work or Church, Thoughts On Security You see trouble, you hear it - now believe it. "Trust your intuition...you know when a situation is different," says Hector Alvarez, an expert in workplace security with more than 25 years of experience in threat assessment. "One of your best bets for surviving these incidents is thinking about it before it happens." Preparation is key says Mindi Russell, exec. dir. of the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento. "Instead of, 'it will never happen here,' have the mindset that if something happens, this is what we'll do." Bob Dittman reports.</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-be-safer-at-work-or-church-thoughts-on-security-2862</p>
Health & Wellness	Closer Look	Jan 30	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p>CLOSER LOOK: 'Rest' Is More Than Sleep - What Kind Of Tired Are You? "Rest isn't just the cessation of activity," says Dr. Saundra Dalton-Smith. "What fills you back up?" Explore 7 types of Rest: Physical, Mental, Emotional, Spiritual, Social, Sensory and Creative.</p> <p>Dr. Saundra Dalton-Smith - REST QUIZ - What Kind Of Rest Do You Need?</p>

Health & Wellness - Chronic Illness	Closer Look	Mar 6	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p>Living With Chronic Illness? Advice For Faith And Family</p> <p>The doctor called. Your disease has a name. It can be treated, but it cannot be cured. Your life becomes a swirl of doctors and pills. Finances suffer. Even your faith takes a hit. You likely feel very alone, as loved ones can be the last to accept the diagnosis. “It can be very isolating when no one really gets it,” says Susan Rodriguez at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. As a licensed clinical social worker, she works with patients who experience emotional pain caused by their debilitating physical condition. Billie Branham reports.</p>
Prison & Jobs	Closer Look	Feb 27	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p>Jail to Jobs, Prison Fellowship 'Remembers Those In Prison'</p> <p>Christ-centered ministries like Prison Fellowship and Jail To Jobs Austin break into that hopelessness with practical and spiritual reform.</p> <p>Hip-hop artist Lecrae partners with Prison Fellowship, performing concerts in select prisons, speaking and encouraging inmates to embrace a second chance at life. He has several relatives who have been in prison, “even my own father was incarcerated, some of my closest uncles as well.”</p>

Faith & Spirituality	Closer Look	Mar 20	7:00 pm	15 minutes	<p>GenZ Christians Surveyed On God, The Bible And Society</p> <p>GenZ Christians have questions about practical faith. They want Scripture-based solutions for the issues they face alongside their friends. "I can no longer avoid truths about racial injustice, about environmental destruction and I do not know if the Church cares about this." For them it's <i>pastoral</i> - not political. Monika Kelly reports.</p>
Poverty	Closer Look	Jan 2	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Augusta Dream Center</p> <p>Bob Dittman talked with Kelli Cardona, the Executive Director of the Augusta Dream Center on the services they provide to low-income residents of the Augusta area, which includes all counties in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA). Kelli mentioned the Dream Center has a food pantry, a soup kitchen, along with a clothing boutique. Kelli says they offer medical services and mental health counseling. Cinderella Day is something special, as Kelli mentioned they get to help local girls with prom needs, as so many families cannot afford it.</p>