

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST- WEKL(FM)  
Fourth Quarter 2021 (October-December)  
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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WEKL(FM), AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, for the period of October 1 – December 31, 2021. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific Standard Time.

1. FAMILY – PARENTING
2. YOUTH ISSUES
3. JOBS / UMEMPLOYMENT
4. HEALTH
5. MENTAL HEALTH

Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Parenting	Closer Look	Oct 3	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p data-bbox="1165 246 1963 316"><b><u><a href="#">‘Solo’ Parent Society Hosts Free Online Support Groups</a></u></b></p> <p data-bbox="1165 321 1995 462">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 data-bbox="1165 467 2005 722">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 <a href="#">Solo Parent Society</a>.</p> <p data-bbox="1165 763 2005 863"><b>Hear the weekly podcast at Accessmore: <a href="https://www.accessmore.com/pd/Solo-Parent-Society">https://www.accessmore.com/pd/Solo-Parent-Society</a></b></p>

Parenting & Faith	Positive People	October	Monthly Feature	60 second Feature Promo  Podcast 9:13	<p><b>Pastor Levi Lusko: Kids Need Help Understanding Faith, Especially Now</b></p> <p>Would this be a particularly good time to talk with children about God? “Absolutely. I think if we can help them to see that – even in the midst of the most crazy times – we have help, we have strength from God, then we’re setting them up for success – we can model that for them, too.” The thoughts of pastor and author Levi Lusko. With the COVID pandemic, employment and financial stress, and natural disasters, parents can be worried and distracted, perhaps even depressed. “I am gravely concerned about my own mental health, and especially kids, too. These last couple of years have been tough, but all of life is hard. And I know for a fact that kids read their parents and all of us seem to be on edge, I’ve noticed just an edginess...people in traffic, honking...and there’s stuff globally going on, there’s disease, there’s political fighting and I think kids definitely pick up on that.” As a parent, “my goal isn’t to protect them from the world – at a certain point – but to prepare them <i>for</i> the world.” One definite way to help kids understand faith in Jesus is by sharing what’s in the Bible. To help with that, Pastor Lusko has written a children’s devotional, “Roar Like A Lion.” “And I think that God, through faith, can help us to be courageous. The book of Proverbs says, ‘the righteous man is as bold as a lion’...and</p>
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Youth Mentoring	Closer Look	Oct 10	7:00 pm	15 minutes	<p><b>‘Dare To Dream’ School Assemblies Ignite Hope In Tweens, Teens</b>  <a href="#">Air1’s Dare To Dream</a> 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>
Youth - Gen Z	Closer Look	Dec 19	7:00 pm	15 minutes	<p><b>GenZ Christians Surveyed On God, The Bible And Society</b>  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>

Race – Black Youth	Closer Look	Dec 19	7:16	14 minutes	<p><b>Tech Careers Encouraged Among Black Youth Through ‘Hidden Genius’</b></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>
Children Cyber Security	Closer Look	Oct 10	7:15 pm	14 minutes	<p><b>Young Children Give Out Phone Numbers, Chat With Strangers Online</b></p> <p>An Interview with the <a href="#">Center for Cyber Safety and Education</a> and Eliza McCoy with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children about their age-appropriate training program called <a href="#">Netsmartz</a>.</p>
Home & Family	Closer Look	Oct 24	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p><b>Americans On The Move - The Great Reshuffling?</b></p> <p>Facing realities, sometimes economic, sometimes health-related, people nationwide are reassessing personal priorities. <a href="#">Dvera Cohn</a> 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><b>Related Links:</b>  <a href="https://www.makemymove.com/">https://www.makemymove.com/</a>  <a href="https://www.bankrate.com/authors/jeff-ostrowski/">https://www.bankrate.com/authors/jeff-ostrowski/</a></p>

Mental Health Teen Suicide	Closer Look	Oct 31	7:00 pm	13 minutes	<p><b>'Tell Me More' - 3 Words To Prevent Teen Suicide</b></p> <p>Crushing loneliness and lack of purpose has seized millions of young adults, causing a frightening spike in teen suicides. Mental health experts urge parents, teachers and pastors to turn the tide of dark thoughts with these three little words: "Tell me more." Monika Kelly gets advice from Maureen Underwood with the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide who also serves as a social worker and psychotherapist.</p> <p>RELATED LINKS: <a href="#">Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide USA: (732) 996-0056</a> <a href="#">America's Health Rankings - Teen Suicide</a></p>
Faith & Spirituality	Closer Look	Oct 31	7:15 pm	15 minutes	<p><b>'Call-In' Bible Studies Connect To Faith And Friendship</b></p> <p>(K-LOVE Closer Look) - When COVID-19 forced churches to close and halted even small social gatherings, Christians continued to crave interaction with fellow believers. <a href="#">Soldiers For Faith Ministries</a> launched 'call-in' bible studies back in 2012, but stay-at-home orders in 2020 crystalized the ministry purpose and mission. "When the pandemic hit," says founder Kelly McAndrew, "all of a sudden we understood what God had prepared us for."</p>

Health & Addictions	Closer Look	Nov 7	7:00 pm	27 minutes	<p><b>Vaping Often Fails As Alternative To Smoking</b>  Vaping is marketed as a safe alternative to traditional cigarettes, but 'dual use' plus dramatic surge in teen addiction and recent links to lung disease send most e-cig claims up in smoke. K-LOVE's Billie Branham talks with Linda Richter of the Center on Addiction and Dr. Michael Blaha, cardiovascular research director at Johns Hopkins Hospital.</p> <p>Related Links: <a href="#">10 Surprising Facts About E-Cigarettes (Center on Addiction)</a> <a href="#">Outbreak of Lung Injury Associated with the Use of E-Cigarette, or Vaping, Products (Centers for Disease Control)</a> <a href="#">"5 Vaping Facts You Need to Know," by Dr. Michael Blaha M.D., M.D.H.</a> <a href="#">Linda Richter, Dir. of the Policy of Research and Analysis for the Center on Addiction (bio)</a> <a href="#">"Can vaping damage your lungs? What we do (and don't) know," Harvard Health</a></p>
Health & Chronic Illness	Closer Look	Dec 5	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p><b>Living with Chronic Illness? Advice For Faith And Family</b>  "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 <a href="#">emotional pain caused by their debilitating physical condition</a>. "They feel like they're being looked at as lazy, not wanting to work, saying 'my family thinks I just wanna be home all day,' she explains, "but many are licensed, they hold degrees...they have contributed to society and they want to continue doing that." Billie Branham reports.</p>



Job Loss Employment	Positive People	October	Monthly Feature	60 second Feature Promo  Podcast 14:42	<p><b>If You've Lost A Job, Dale Kreienkamp Offers Biblical &amp; Practical Guidance</b></p> <p>Dale Kreienkamp has as heart for people who've lost their jobs. His professional &amp; ministry mission? To help those in a crisis, one he knows all too well.</p> <p><b>Kreienkamp</b> - "I twice went through a journey of being unemployed, and it was that journey that led me to the place where I am today that is, how do I give back and help others who are going through that journey of unemployment."</p> <p>Losing a job is tough... but to move forward, Dale says, you've got to look ahead</p> <p><b>Kreienkamp</b> - "It's okay to grieve. It's okay to be sad that we've lost that job. But we're going to have to move past that in order to move forward, so we have to let go of the past before we can move to the future. "</p> <p>... and trusting God is key:</p> <p><b>Kreienkamp</b> - "It's an opportunity to let go and let Him take over and use this process to draw us closer to Him and help us move forward to the next opportunity that's going to be there for us." So, be hopeful! Dale says finding a new job is just a matter of time.</p>
Jobs Unemployment	Closer Look	Nov 21	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><b>Jail to Jobs, Prison Fellowship 'Remembers Those In Prison'</b></p> <p>Christ-centered ministries like <a href="#">Prison Fellowship</a> and <a href="#">Jail To Jobs Austin</a> break into that hopelessness with practical and spiritual reform.</p> <p>Hip-hop artist Lecrae partners with <a href="#">Prison Fellowship</a>, 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>

Jobs Unemployment	Closer Look	Dec 11	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><b>Land Your Next Great Job! Crossroads Career Services Offers Advice</b></p> <p>Losing your job can be emotionally draining and can even lead to questioning your faith in God. “To have some anger, some bitterness, some regret is a very natural thing,” agrees Dave Sparkman of <a href="#">Crossroad Career Services</a>, who challenges jobseekers to ask themselves “...a truly curious question. ‘I wonder what God’s up to here?’”</p>
Military Veterans - Mental Health	Closer Look	Nov 14	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><b>Arts &amp; Crafts Ease PTSD In Veterans</b></p> <p>Beads, leather, paint and glue: can crafts help vets heal from PTSD? “Yes,” says Captain Joe McClain. Closer Look’s Bob Dittman reports. **Vets often fight anger and hopelessness after their time in the service. If you or a soldier you know is struggling call the confidential Veterans Crisis Line <a href="tel:800-273-8255">800-273-8255</a>.**</p>

<p>Military &amp; First Responders</p>	<p>Closer Look</p>	<p>Nov 28</p>	<p>7:00 pm</p>	<p>29 minutes</p>	<p><b>Heroes Shaped By 9-11, Lessons From The Attacks On America</b></p> <p>For those who witnessed the aftermath up close, the effects of 9-11 were infinitely more personal than intrusive changes to airport security. The attacks redirected their personal health and professional ministries. <a href="#">Kevin Ellers, D. Min</a> was in Kansas City when he was called to the Trade Towers collapse in New York City with <a href="#">The Salvation Army</a>. Ellers has since designed curriculum with titles like <a href="#">Spiritual First Aid</a> used to train first responders internationally. <a href="#">Rev. Dr. Tim Carentz</a> was a young Air Force medic in D.C. when he got the call to the Pentagon on 9-11. He was eventually diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Leaning on faith in Jesus and the support of his military community, Carentz retired from the USAF as a Chief Master Sergeant and now operates <a href="#">Kaiserslautern Military Resiliency Center</a>.</p>
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Poverty	Closer Look	Oct 10 Nov 7 Dec 5	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p><b>Augusta Dream Center</b></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>
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