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July 3, 10, 17 & 31, 2021	Raising Animal Awareness and Safety in Merced County	<p><u>Host:</u> Charrie Slater <u>Guest:</u> Pam Moody, Public Outreach Director, Merced County Humane Society (Atwater, CA). www.mchsrescue.weebly.com <u>Description:</u> Pam told us about Merced County Humane Society and how they operate solely out of homes. They don't have a physical location for a shelter, but they place dogs and cats into foster homes and then do adoptions from there. During the pandemic, people adopted or bought puppies because they were bored. Months later, they decided they weren't equipped to own a pet and would surrender the animal. Pam answered some questions you should ask yourself before considering adopting a pet. If you're looking to volunteer, adopt, or foster an animal, please visit their website.</p>
July 24, 2021	Local Residents' Opportunity to Spread the Gospel to Global Children	<p><u>Host:</u> Charrie Slater <u>Guest:</u> Dana Williams, Media Relations Manager, Samaritan's Purse (Boone, NC). https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child <u>Description:</u> Dana told us about the Greatest Journey Discipleship program, in concert with Operation Christmas Child, that walks children all over the world through the Gospel over a 12-week discipleship period. Not only are the kids impacted through this program but also their parents, families, neighbors, and friends. She shared a story about how this program had a ripple effect on 80 people who now know Christ as their Savior. Donations and prayer support of this program can help in spiritual ways unimaginable.</p>
August 7, 2021	Local Chapters Collect Donated Shoes for Underprivileged Children	<p><u>Host:</u> Virginia Beehn <u>Guest:</u> Any Fass, CEO, Shoes That Fit (Claremont, CA). www.shoesthatfit.org <u>Description:</u> Many families cannot afford new shoes for their children, including many in Shenandoah, so the kids often wear shoes that are too large or too small or in bad repair. Shoes That Fit donates new athletic shoes to children referred by school nurses or other personnel. Athletic shoes allow the child to attend gym classes and the new shoes are a source of pride and foot comfort.</p>
August 14, 2021	Christian RV Campers Donate Time & Efforts to Worthy Project	<p><u>Host:</u> Virginia Beehn <u>Guest:</u> Jerry and Renee McGovern, National Coordinators, Campers on Mission, (Grand Ridge, FL). www.campersonmission.net <u>Description:</u> Full-time RV campers donate a few days, or weeks at a</p>

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		time. They may work at building, remodeling, or repairing churches, work in soup kitchens, do landscaping, lead Bible schools, and some even give haircuts. These multi-denominational Christians use whatever skills God has given them to help others and use that opportunity to share the love of Christ.
August 21, 2021	Campers On Mission Witness for Christ by Volunteering	<u>Host:</u> Virginia Beehn <u>Guest:</u> Jerry and Renee McGovern, National Coordinators, Campers on Mission, (Grand Ridge, FL). www.campersonmission.net <u>Description:</u> Christian campers use camping as a tool to witness for Christ. Local churches request the help, and the RV campers donate their time and effort. Children campers are welcome to help, and this often leads to them becoming missionaries when they become adults. Young teens can help with leading Vacation Bible School or assisting younger children. There are a wide variety of ways to help.
August 28, 2021	Restoration from Homelessness in the Le Grand Area	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Arianne Benedetto, Lead Grant Writer for Portland Rescue Mission (Portland, OR). www.portlandrescuemission.org <u>Description:</u> To be homeless is to lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence; includes “couch surfing” to being completely unsheltered or living in a tent, car or other habitation not fit for humans. Roots of homelessness may be linked to childhood trauma, domestic abuse, mental illness, substance abuse, or grief. From addressing basic safety and shelter to providing an address for job applications, addictions recovery, or vocational training, the ultimate goal of Rescue Missions is to reverse the general isolation experienced by all homeless. By connecting them into thriving, loving community, God sets the lonely (homeless) in families (Psalms 68:6). The Church throughout America, including in Le Grand, has the answer to local homelessness: God’s Word and work through Jesus Christ restores, heals, and makes all things new.
September 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2021	Spreading the Gospel and Sharing Hope in the Merced Community	<u>Host:</u> Charrie Slater <u>Guest:</u> Chaplain Emmanuel Scudder, Merced County Jail Ministry (Merced, CA). www.mercedcjm.com <u>Description:</u> Chaplain Scudder shared his story about his battle with COVID 19 and how he overcame it. He had symptoms so severe he was in the hospital partially paralyzed, unable to eat and unable to speak. Only the power of Jesus could heal him and that’s exactly what happened. Chaplain Scudder is now able to walk and talk as he

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		shares his testimony of the sweet love and powerful might of our Savior. If you would like to contact Chaplain Scudder and have him speak at your church, please visit their website.

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July 3, 2021	Educating America's Youth on the Nation's Moral Foundations (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> David Barton, Founder, Wallbuilders (Aledo, TX). www.wallbuilders.com <u>Description:</u> As America celebrates Independence Day, many people throughout the nation will be celebrating with parades, picnics, barbeques, fireworks, etc. Sadly, many people in today's society, especially younger generations, know little about America's history and do not understand the importance of the Pledge of Allegiance, the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and our moral foundations. David Barton explained why it is important for American citizens to understand the incredible wisdom our Founding Fathers had when they created those important documents. He also shared why it is important for parents, grandparents, and other family members to teach their family about the moral foundations in America and how believers should respond in ways that honor God.
July 10, 2021	Physician and Healthcare Burnout and Stress: Supporting Our Healthcare Workers (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Dr. Steve Sartori, Director for the Center for Well-Being, Christian Medical & Dental Associations (Bristol, TN). www.cmda.org <u>Description:</u> Reports show approximately 42% of all physicians have reported high levels of burnout, with 15% experiencing some level of clinical depression. Several studies have found similar numbers in other healthcare professions regarding burnout. Dr. Steve Sartori explained what burnout is, how the role of physicians/healthcare professions has changed over the past several years to cause this increase, the factors that are involved, and the potential signs/symptoms of someone experiencing burnout. He also shared how believers can lean into God to find His comfort and peace during times of burnout/exhaustion and still show compassion towards others.
July 17, 2021	Living with Loss: Biblical Comfort and Hope for Widows (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Miriam Neff, Founder and President, Widow Connection (Chicago, IL). www.widowconnection.com <u>Description:</u> It is estimated that in 2020, there were almost 3.5 million widowed men and over 11 million widowed women living in America. According to the Surgeon General's office,

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		800,000 people become widows or widowers every year in the United States alone. The death of a spouse can cause emotional stress, sorrow, and overwhelming challenges. Miriam Neff shared her personal story of some of the challenges with which she was confronted after the loss of her husband and how God opened doors to enable her to help other widows. She gave practical advice to widows and words of encouragement on how they have a future hope and how God has prepared them for the remaining time they have on Earth.
July 24, 2021	How Visual Storytelling Improves Understanding of the Bible (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Mike McDonald, Director of Strategic Relationships, The Bible Project (Portland, OR). www.thebibleproject.com <u>Description:</u> The Bible is one unified story that leads to Jesus Christ. It was written over a 1500-year span, over forty (40) generations, by over forty (40) authors who were inspired by God from many walks of life, in different places (three (3) continents), times, moods, and in three (3) languages. It is very complex; it's complicated, hard to understand, and reading it can be a daunting task. The Bible Project offers free visual learning videos to supplement Biblical teachings and helps individuals navigate through it to bring better understanding of the Word of God. Mike also shared that spending time in the Bible reminds us of who we are and what our role is as a beloved child of God.
July 31, 2021	Finding Biblical grace in the Care of Aging Parents and Loved Ones (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> John Fuller, Vice President of the Audio Team, Focus on the Family Daily Broadcast, Focus on the Family (Colorado Springs, CO). www.focusonthefamily.com <u>Description:</u> Growing up, your parents cared for you, taught you things like how to tie your shoes, and probably even tucked you into bed at night. But, as the years have flown by, reality sets in and you begin to realize your aging loved ones can no longer do the things they used to do. John Fuller shares his own personal story of what happened when the tables turned and it was his turn to show honor and grace in the care of an aging parent. He talked about the caregiving being very personal – for both the aging loved one and the child. It's a journey in life that is both difficult and challenging. Those moments, he explained, can also have profound moments of joy and love. He continued

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		<p>talking about how family caregivers can use those moments preparing and caring for the loved one to honor God and maybe even use the precious time that is left sharing the Gospel with them.</p>
August 7, 2021	<p>Supporting Spiritual Walks of Students through College and Beyond (25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Dan Dupee, President Emeritus, Coalition for Christian Outreach (Pittsburgh, PA). www.ccojubilee.org <u>Description:</u> A growing trend reveals many college students not only prepare to say goodbye to their families, but to their faith as well. A recent survey revealed approximately 66% of churchgoing teenagers in America stopped attending church on a regular basis when they became young adults. There are also troubling indications that many college students will leave with little to no faith during their school years and are likely not to return to their faith even after graduation. Dan Dupee explained how a strong foundation built on biblical values and principles can help students through the school years after they have graduated. He offered Biblical examples paralleling today's culture. Dan also talked about how students must connect with the like-minded who have a biblical foundation, such as in a local church body or small group.</p>
August 14, 2021	<p>Technology's Influence over Children's and Teens' Beliefs and Behaviors (25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Dr. Kathy Koch, Author, Founder and President, Celebrate Kids (Fort Worth, TX). www.celebratekids.com <u>Description:</u> Today's kids are disconnecting from their parents and families and dissolving into their cell phones, headphones, and computer screens. With all the great technological advances that have been made over the years, technology has made some aspects of parenting hard and is affecting the minds, hearts, and souls of teens in ways we desperately need to understand and get a handle on. Dr. Kathy Koch shared that of all the products, services, and things in this world, what people really long for are security, belonging, and purpose. She unveiled how technologies' influence over children's and teens' beliefs and behaviors, and even how adult behaviors, can also be affected. She shared how the Bible gives us examples we can model in today's society.</p>

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August 21, 2021	<p>The Need for the Church to be Vigilant in Serving Vulnerable Children Post Covid</p> <p>(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Paul Martin, CEO, For The Children (Santa Ana, CA). www.forthethechildren.org <u>Description:</u> During the pandemic, millions of vulnerable children were forced to remain home with perhaps unsafe home situations due to school closings and quarantine restrictions. Experts are now predicting there will be what is called a ‘epidemic after pandemic’ due to an expected sharp increase in child abuse reports when school returns this fall. Paul Martin explained what the term ‘vulnerable children’ means, the trends/signs, and how these situations affect the child, family, church and even the community. He implored concerned adults to keep a watchful eye as children emerge this summer and fall. He also shared how even one caring adult can make the difference in the life of a child that will give them hope and help them succeed.</p>
August 28, 2021	<p>Filling Emotional Emptiness with a Deeper/Wider Relationship with Jesus</p> <p>(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Shellie Rushing Tomlinson, Speaker, Author and Podcast Host (Lake Providence, LA). www.belleofallthingsouthern.com <u>Description:</u> Loneliness, grief and disappointment are a few of the reasons that can cause people to feel empty, depressed and never satisfied. To fill the void, they may turn to compulsive shopping, change relationships, or binge eat only to find themselves cast deeper into despair and prevailing feelings of emotional numbness. Shellie Tomlinson shared how individuals can have a deeper/wider relationship with Jesus and allow Him to fill the emptiness because He created each person to fill them up. She gave some examples from the Bible of individuals who walked closely with God, and how He helped fill their needs and desires.</p>
September 4, 2021	<p>Unfilled Jobs in the United States and the Biblical Importance of Work</p> <p>(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Paul Batura, Vice President of Communications, Focus on the Family (Colorado Springs, CO). www.focusonthefamily.com <u>Description:</u> Labor Day is a time many people across America celebrate the works and contributions of the American labor movement. Whether a person is working for a wage or as a</p>

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		<p>volunteer, few have given much thought about what the Bible has to say on the topic of work. Last year, there were more than 164 million Americans in the U.S. workforce. Being a part of the American workforce brings with it many advantages such as providing for your family, acquiring skills, improving one's physical and mental health, etc. Unfortunately, extended unemployment benefits, workers quitting, ongoing pandemic concerns, and other reasons have resulted in millions of jobs sitting unfilled here in the United States. Paul Batura spoke about how Scripture talks about work before it talks about anything else. It all began in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve working in the Garden. It was God's handywork and was seen as joy and service by Adam and Eve – it was a part of paradise. He also shared how work is connected to and impacts you and your family.</p>
September 11, 2021	<p style="text-align: center;">The Effects on Religious Freedom of Embracing Socialist/Marxist Philosophy in America</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Todd Nettleton, Chief of Media Relations and Message Integration, Voice of the Martyrs (Bartlesville, OK). www.persecution.com <u>Description:</u> America has thrived as a nation over the years because of Capitalism, our Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the entrepreneurial spirit of its citizens. Unfortunately, more and more people throughout America are embracing big government to take care of them and desiring socialism/Marxism as a way of sharing and being nice to people. Most, however, do not even know how this has historically led to Communism. Todd Nettleton talked about how our religious freedoms are impacted by government structure and how believers can stand strong for Christ regardless of the “powers that be.”</p>
September 18, 2021	<p style="text-align: center;">Sharing the Gospel to Future Generations through Legacy Planning/Gifts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Andrew Boulineau, Real Estate Planner (Nashville, TN). <u>Description:</u> Planning who will inherit your belongings or assets when you die is not something most people particularly want to think about or discuss. A recent study found that while the pandemic increased people's desire to get a will, the overall percentage of people with a will had not changed, with 2 out of 3 individuals still not having crucial estate planning documents.</p>

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		<p>Andrew Boulineau spoke about the differences between a will, estate planning and legacy planning. Legacy planning is a specific kind of estate planning – for the things a person has dedicated their lives—that continues that legacy beyond their death. He suggested asking yourself what God’s purpose is in your life for the things He has given you. He also talked about how legacy planning is an opportunity for a person to honor God and share the Gospel through future generations.</p>
September 25, 2021	<p style="text-align: center;">Healing from the Tragedy of Losing a Loved One to Suicide (25-minute program)</p>	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Rita Schulte, Author, Licensed Professional Counselor, Suicide Loss Survivor (Washington, D.C.). www.ritaschulte.com <u>Description:</u> The pain of losing a loved one is indescribable and when it comes from a tragedy involving suicide, it doesn’t even compare. Sadly, suicidal thoughts continue to increase among people in the United States each year to the point where it is now becoming one of the top leading causes of death. Rita Schulte knows first-hand how this affects a loved one and shared her personal story of losing her husband to suicide. She talked about the potential causes and behavioral warning signs that can lead to hopelessness. She shared how people can be a light of encouragement and come alongside those suffering from a tragic loss of losing a loved one to suicide.</p>

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July 1, 2021	Organizing City-Wide Blood Drives	She's an energetic and fun-loving 6-year-old, but beneath “Violet’s” vibrant smile, she's battling acute lymphoblastic leukemia. After being diagnosed last month, little Violet has been receiving pints of blood and platelets to stay alive. But with America facing a blood shortage due to the pandemic, she wanted to inspire more giving! So, Violet’s big sister “Eden” decided to organize her own community blood drive. Thanks to her efforts, within a short time her blood drive hit capacity.
July 2, 2021	Lack of Community Transportation	While some may think of themselves as hard workers, 20-year-old Donte Franklin is someone who walks the walk – literally! Every day for work, he treks 8 miles on foot to make it to his shift on time. But Dante recently got an unexpected lift, thanks to a stranger’s random act of kindness. Michael Lynn was out running errands when he saw a young Donte walking in the sweltering heat. On his way back, Michael noticed him still walking—and decided to offer him a ride. When he learned about Donte’s 17-mile journey each day, he decided to set up a Go Fund Me page so he could buy Dante a new car. So far, close to \$52,000 has been raised.
July 6, 2021	Pet Adoption	A woman looking to adopt a pet from a Pennsylvania Shelter actually found the dog she lost 2 years ago! Aisha Nieves from Allentown, Pennsylvania, had a sweet reunion with her lost pup Kovu after spotting him on the local Humane Society’s adoption page! Turns out that Kovu was found by them in bad health just weeks after being lost. He was adopted four months later by another family, but returned earlier this month.
July 8, 2021	Fundraising for Pandemic-Affected Persons	They raised \$8,000 for a senior trip to remember, but instead of making memories, they decided to change lives by donating that money! The graduating class of Isleboro Central High School in Maine spent months organizing dinners and working concession stands to raise money for their class trip to Greece. However, as the reality of the pandemic set in, they decided to help those who needed money for food or rent in their small community instead.
July 9, 2021	Supporting Victims of Carjackings	If you ever been the victim of robbery or carjacking, you know how terrifying that can be.... and you’d never want anyone else to experience it. Well, neither does Jermaine Jordan, and he’s taking the extra step to help those who’ve been through it. The trauma of Jordan's carjackings never left him, so he decided charity might be the best medicine. Through his Chicago car dealership, he’s given away 15 cars

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		to other carjacking victims, all of them complete strangers. The cars are paid for with a combination of his own money and funds he raises on social media. He said, "It just floods your heart to be able to help someone else and it feels good."
July 12, 2021	Handcrafted Cards for First Responders	So how do you fill someone’s day with hope? Well, hundreds of children across America are showing us how! They’re sending hand crafted cards to first responders at the Surfside condominium tragedy. One note said, “thank you for everything you did and are doing even though some people have not been recovered, you guys are working day and night to find those that are missing...that’s what makes you guys heroes.” So far, nearly five hundred similar notes from children of all ages have been hand-delivered to first responders at the scene of the collapse. Hundreds more are expected to pour in as the search for victims continues.
July 13, 2021	Employee Appreciation Day	An Ohio pizzeria owner wanted to show his appreciation for his employees, and thanks to the community, he was able to overdeliver. Last week, Heavenly Pizza owner Josh Elchert held his Employee Appreciation Day, but instead of simply telling his employees he valued them, he showed them by taking the entire day of sales and giving it back to the employees who worked that day. Thanks to many loyal customers, the day was a major success, bringing in over \$6,000 in sales and \$1,200 in tips. Divided amongst the staff, each employee made \$78 per hour! Not bad for a day’s work!
July 14, 2021	Creating Opportunities for the Homeless	After 30 years of living on the streets, one California man was pulled to his feet and given a second chance by a man who lived on the opposite side of the country... and now the two are best friends! Scott Kuczmarski was visiting California in 2019 when he met Robert Pineda as he was riding a bicycle full of 300 pounds of stuff! After mustering up the courage to talk to Pineda, the two met for coffee. They instantly had a connection and proceeded to meet for breakfast "almost every day for the next two or three weeks". Scott eventually helped Robert get care through the Opportunity Center of the Midpeninsula, an affordable apartment complex for the homeless which also offers free health care.
July 16, 2021	Performing Random Acts of Kindness	One selfless teenager with special needs has carried out a random act of kindness every single day since the start of the pandemic. Eighteen-year-old Sebbie Hall began his kindness marathon in early 2020, after

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		his mother Ashley asked him to think about what skills he could use to raise cash, to which he answered, “I can be kind.” Since then, Sebbie has walked neighbors’ pets, watered gardens, washed cars, and baked cakes for nurses. Not only that but his efforts attracted nearly \$40,000 in donations, which he has given to countless charities.
July 19, 2021	Repairing Old Cars for the Needy	If you have an old clunker lying around, Eliot Middleton says he’ll cut you a deal. Restaurant owner by day, mechanic by night, Eliot fixes up old cars and donates them to people in need throughout rural South Carolina. To get the vehicles, he trades people a plate of ribs from his local BBQ restaurant. He simply says, "You don't have a car, you don't have a career. I want to help everybody looking to better themselves when transportation is what's holding them back." So far, he's collected 100 cars and surprised 33 people with a repaired ride.
July 20, 2021	Delivering Groceries to Shut-Ins	A Philadelphia non-profit is on a heart-warming mission to deliver free groceries to families with a loved one battling cancer! <i>Legacy of Hope</i> is teaming up with community police officers and local Shop Rite grocery stores to drop off blessings to families on the brink of going hungry. All the food is carefully picked out by an oncology nutritionist and every family receives two weeks of free groceries. “Patrick,” battling terminal prostate cancer is grateful for the help... he said the officers who volunteer are unsung heroes. <i>Legacy of Hope</i> works with all hospitals and social workers in the Philadelphia area.
July 23, 2021	Toys for Pediatric Cancer Patients	It was Christmas in July at Children's Mercy Hospital this week, thanks to a seven-year-old cancer survivor with a big heart and a big donation. It's not every day that a truck filled with toys shows up outside Children's Mercy. But this is a truck full of thanks from “Tripp,” a cancer patient who just completed chemotherapy and is grateful to everyone there. Tripp and his mom started a toy drive and it just kept growing. They collected 4,400 toys packed into more than 100 boxes. Tripp said that he could not wait to make the donation and he got a surprise, too — another chance to celebrate his last cancer treatment by ringing a bell.
July 26, 2021	Nationwide Lawn Mowing Tour	Over the last five years, Rodney Smith Jr. has inspired thousands of young people to mow dozens of yards in their communities for free. Smith is the founder of Raising Men & Women Lawn Care Service in Huntsville, Alabama. In 2017, he took his lawn care service on the road, traveling to all 50 states to help out anyone who’s just trying to

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		get by. He's also started a program called the <i>50 Yard Challenge</i> , which challenges young people to mow 50 yards in their communities. More than 2,000 people have signed up, and they get t-shirts and other perks along the way -- including new lawn care tools if they finish. Smith says mowing builds character, and helps people feel connected to their communities.
July 27, 2021	Honoring Fallen 9/11 Heroes	Beginning next month, a former flight attendant from Massachusetts will embark on a 220-mile walk from Boston’s Logan International Airport to Ground Zero in New York City. But he won’t just be walking. Sixty-two-year -old Paul Veneto will be pushing a beverage cart the entire way to honor his colleagues who died 20 years ago in the September 11 attacks. The cart Veneto is pushing has the American Airlines and United Airlines flight numbers on the sides, with photos of the crew members and flight attendants on the top, serving as a reminder to him every day.
July 28, 2021	Employing the Amputee Community	While some businesses measure success in dollar amounts, the folks at Jordyn's Deli measure it in smiles and helping hands! Jordyn’s Deli in West Virginia is a special kind of eatery that supports special needs employment, showcasing the talents and abilities of those with a wide range of disabilities. Angelina Seal is one of the hardest working employees, and as a double amputee, she’s not a stranger to overcoming adversity!
July 30, 2021	College Tuition	Walmart has announced that it will pay for 100% of your college tuition and books as their employee through its Live Better U (LBU) education program. Previously, employees paid a \$1-per-day fee for the LBU program. But starting August 16th, that fee will be removed. This means that approximately 1.5 million part-time and full-time Walmart associates in the U.S. can earn college degrees or learn trade skills without the burden of education debt. Since LBU launched in 2018, more than 52,000 employees have participated in the program and 8,000 have graduated.
August 2, 2021	Warm-Hearted Policing	A new partnership with police in Colorado is putting smiles on the faces of motorists who might not have the money to fix a broken part on their vehicle. An Advance Auto Parts store has gifted the Denver Police Department with 100 gift cards worth \$25 each to hand out to drivers who are normally pulled over by cops and given a warning or ticket to pay a fine. So now when they pull over a motorist for, say, a

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		bad headlight or a defective taillight, they’ll have the option to give the gift card to help the motorist get it fixed—and get them back on the road!
August 3, 2021	Giving Back to Veterans	She’s only 7-years-old and already she’s helping veterans in her community! “Jade” from Marietta, Georgia, has raised \$700 as a way to give back to military veterans without a home to call their own. She and her mother are now using the money to create care packages, which they’ll deliver to heroes at a local veterans center. Jade's grandfather served in the Vietnam War and his service was the inspiration for them to give back.
August 4, 2021	Affordable Rent	Earlier this week, Dasha Kelly was facing eviction and didn't know how she was going to pay her back rent. A day later, thanks to strangers, more than \$170,000 has been raised so far for her and her three daughters. Last year, the 32-year-old lost her job when the pandemic forced her workplace to shut down. She is one of the more than 11 million Americans that are behind on their rent, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. She started a GoFundMe on Monday night in hopes of raising \$2,000 to cover the back rent she owed. Just 24 hours later, the campaign has raised more than \$172,000 from more than 2,700 donors.
August 5, 2021	Honoring New York City Firefighters	The brother of a New York firefighter who died in 9/11 is walking more than 500 miles in his honor! Sixty-eight-year-old Frank Siller of Staten Island, New York, began a six-week journey spanning six states for his "Never Forget Walk" at Arlington Fire Station in Washington D.C. The purpose was for a private wreath-laying to honor his younger brother, firefighter Stephen Gerard Siller. Frank will end his journey at Ground Zero to honor the nearly 3,000 lives lost on 9/11.
August 9, 2021	Sharing the Gift of Reading	He may only be 10 years old, but “Orion” is a young man on a mission, sharing the gift of reading with hundreds of thousands of kids. With 120,000 books collected so far, Orion is asking people across the country to give away their used books for children who may not have them at home. He calls it the race to kindness, and his goal is to have 500,000 collected by the end of this month.
August 11, 2021	Prison Literacy	Well, for one big-hearted couple, showing kindness is as simple as helping others overcome their past! Diane and Robert Findlay are donating books to the Dallas County Jail but making the experience personal by simply asking the inmates what they enjoy reading! They

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		got the idea to send books to the jail from their faith-based book club during the pandemic. In the jail's library room, the couple has three carts of books they have donated. The books come from different local libraries, bookstores, and community members.
August 12, 2021	Back-to-School Fundraising	Two Atlanta girls have made it their mission to help local families who were unable to afford backpacks and school supplies as students begin the new school year. It started with their passion for baking and turned into a campaign to raise thousands of dollars to give back. Seventeen-year-old “Lily” said she often reflected on the fact that not all children have the same access to learning. So, she and her younger sister Evie used their cooking talent to raise over \$4,000, enough to stuff 240 backpacks! They’ll be distributed to refugee children in the Atlanta area who don’t have money for school supplies.
August 18, 2021	Organ Transplant Services	In just a matter of years, Ava Kaufman went from being a professional dancer to fighting for her life in an Intensive Care Unit as an autoimmune disease ravaged her organs. But thanks to a heart transplant in 2009, Ava got her life back and she vowed to help others going through the same difficult process. After volunteering in Los Angeles hospitals and mentoring other transplant patients, Kaufman started the non-profit, Ava's Heart -- an organization that offers special services to transplant patients which normally aren’t covered by insurance, including food, gas, co-pays on medications, and even temporary housing near a hospital for those who can’t afford it.
August 20, 2021	Retraining Veterans in the Manufacturing Workforce	Retraining veterans and rebuilding manufacturing... two of America’s biggest challenges today and one former service member has found a solution for both! Navy veteran Hernan Prado sold everything he had to start his school, <i>Workshops for Warriors</i> . The goal was simple: train veterans over a four-month period to work in trade programs like welding and manufacturing, allowing them to take on good jobs with decent salaries. Today, graduates work at companies such as Space X, Ford, Boeing, earning an average salary of \$60K a year!
August 23, 2021	Welcoming Afghan Families to Christianity	As the Taliban continues to gain control of Afghanistan, a former Marine who's now the leader of a nonprofit agency helping victims of trauma says he's working to bring Afghan families who’ve converted to Christianity to safety in the U.S. Victor Marx is the CEO of <i>All Things Possible</i> , a Christian nonprofit organization that works to restore those affected by trauma, especially those affected by Islamic terrorism.

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August 26, 2021	Helping Impoverished Youth	An ocean of kindness has swept over a loving mother and her son after strangers learned about her ingenuity in the face of poverty—and it inspired a whole community. Tiffany Holloway wrote a social media post about how her son “Jason” wanted a stuffed manta ray for his 5th birthday. She couldn’t afford to buy one, so she crafted one—and made it out of his old baby blanket. A photo of the blue ray with button eyes instantly went viral, and soon hundreds of people were sending Jason toy ocean creatures.
September 7, 2021	Lifting Spirits with Kindness Jars	Kimberly Wybenga is one of those people always looking to brighten the outlook of others... and over the past year, her favorite way to do so is by making kindness jars! Each jar is filled with hand-written compliments for friends that she thought could use a dose of happiness. She found that just writing out the compliments brought her joy, as well! Altogether, Kim’s jars of hope have touched dozens of people with over 1,500 compliments!
September 9, 2021	Beating COVID-19	Well, after being given an only 10 percent chance of survival, a New York City grandmother beat both COVID-19 and severe pancreatitis. Sixty-one-year-old Alisa White of Long Island was admitted to Huntington Hospital in January where she stayed for six months after being given up on by other doctors. While in a medically induced coma, she endured seven surgeries to clear out the infection, but now she’s home surrounded by her 11 grandchildren and thankful to be a walking miracle.
September 10, 2021	9/11 Remembrance	The wife of a 9/11 firefighter hopes that the stories of survivors like her will remind the world to unite. For more than 15 years, Ann Van Hine has served as a volunteer tour guide at the Ground Zero site in New York, sharing her personal stories of losing her firefighter husband in the Sept. 11th terror attacks. The 67-year-old Brooklyn resident is among the more than 1,000 volunteers sharing their personal stories within a small museum in New York City, run by the families’ of 9/11 victims. While the tours can become emotional for her, Ann describes the role as "fulfilling," especially since she has been able to develop friendships with other guides and meet thousands of people from all over the world.
September 13, 2021	Canines (K-9’s) Assisting Veterans	Once days away from being euthanized, a Missouri dog, with the help of a US Navy Veteran, is now competing for the national “Hero Dog Award.” A lovable Boxer mix named Sobee was rescued in 2016 with

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		<p>only two days left on the euthanasia list in an overcrowded Georgia animal shelter. Through the organization, she began her training as a service dog to help a Missouri combat veteran seeking rescue himself. Jason Howe says that after he returned from Iraq and Afghanistan, both he and Sobee were on life support, but together they were able to keep moving forward. Sobee has even inspired Jason to launch a Missouri chapter of an “K9s on the Front Line” – so far, they’ve helped more than 125 veterans in the state.</p>
September 15, 2021	<p>Childhood Cancer Awareness</p>	<p>So, how far would you go for your child? Well, a dad is walking 1,200 miles without shoes to raise awareness and experience a portion of the hardship his daughter faces with her rare genetic condition. Army Major Chris Brannigan and his wife operate the charity – Hope for Hasti – named after their 9-year-old daughter, to raise funding for research... and their latest effort is a 53-day trek along the East Coast! Chris kicked off the solo march in Bar Harbor, Maine, and will walk barefoot down 12 states until he reaches Jacksonville, North Carolina. <i>Hope for Hasti</i> is accepting donations on GoFundMe, which has raised around \$62,000 so far.</p>
September 16, 2021	<p>Reducing Inner City Violence</p>	<p>Their mission is to reduce urban violence... and the way they’ve decided to do so is simple: pull up a chair and have a sit down! As part of the <i>21 Days of Peace</i> event in Minneapolis, community and church congregation members are simply seating themselves in lawn chairs on street corners in the most dangerous neighborhoods and acting as “violence interrupters”—and police statistics show it’s working. Compared to last summer, homicide numbers took a dive during the <i>21 Days of Peace</i> and have continued to stay low until today. They encourage all elected officials to pull up a chair and take a look at what’s working! The group writes, “We draw on the power of congregation and community to try to interrupt the violence. And our faith gives us the courage to put ourselves in harm’s way.”</p>
September 21, 2021	<p>Supporting Frontline Healthcare Workers</p>	<p>It’s amazing how nearly total strangers often make perfect friends! In 2013, Jacqui Webb suffered life-threatening wounds in the Boston Marathon Bombing. While at Tufts Medical Center, she was deeply grateful for the care she received, especially from one nurse, Nicole Casper. Well, last month, Jacqui returned to the hospital to deliver her first child. Sure enough, Nicole was there to greet the new parents, and they shared a touching reunion. Jacqui said it was comforting to be</p>

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		treated by someone who knew what she had been through. For Nicole, it was a precious moment to help a friend find a new happiness.
September 22, 2021	Honoring COVID-19 Victims	A memorial in Washington, D.C. is honoring the thousands of lives lost to COVID-19 in the U.S. Some 660,000 white flags are flying on the grassy lawn at the National Mall, representing every person who has died from the disease. The flags, many of which include personal messages to lost loved ones, cover more than 20 acres. If you're unable to visit, you can write a virtual message online at InAmericaFlags.org ... a volunteer will then handwrite your note on one of the flags planted at the memorial.
September 24, 2021	Spreading Kindness to Frontline Workers	One New York City Irish business owner has made it her mission to spread kindness by dishing up her famous soda bread for front lines workers! When the pandemic shut down everything, Mary O'Halloran, the owner of "Mary O's" in New York City, set out to cook 30 meals a night and still take care of her family. She began making soda bread scones with homemade blackberry jam, each packed alongside a handwritten letter from her 8-year-old daughter. As word spread of her generosity, O'Halloran said she's received \$1 million through orders and is grateful to her community!