

ISSUES: July - September 2023

Radio station KWPZ in Bellingham, Washington serves a wide audience that is both rural and urban, but is more religious than the general population, due to the nature of the station's format. KWPZ feels that this segment of the population is a specialized group whose concerns and interests are not adequately addressed elsewhere, and that the station plays a unique role in the community by meeting the needs and expectations of this group. Among the issues that were addressed in the programming of KWPZ in the third quarter of 2023 are issues that directly affect the family, like parenting, mental health and relationships.

KWPZ airs two programs designed to address the issues that directly relate to the family. These programs are Focus On The Family, hosted by Jim Daly and John Fuller; the program is heard twice daily Monday through Friday at 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and Family News In Focus.

CULTURE (AND/OR) EDUCATION

Focus On The Family
Monday, July 10th
9:00 p.m. (28:30)

In a culture where your truth and identity seem to be the most important topic, it can be difficult to navigate conversations surrounding truth and grace with your children. In "Talking to Your Kids About Sexuality and Gender," founder of Mama Bear Apologetics, Hillary Ferrer and author Amy Davison discussed ways to educate your children about gender and sexuality in their schools, churches, and personal relationships, and pointed us toward the way that Christ encountered those around Him.

CULTURE (AND/OR) EDUCATION continued

Focus On The Family
Wednesday, August 9th
9:00 p.m. (28:30)

In part one of the two-part series, “Clearing Out Your Space and Schedule,” author Courtney Ellis invited families to follow her example in decluttering her life, her home & her schedule. Courtney also described why too many screens & too much technology is a form of clutter — and how her kids would often see the back of her hand holding a phone instead of seeing her face.

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Tuesday, August 15th
9:00 p.m. (28:30)

Former NFL tight end Benjamin Watson, a passionate advocate for life, wants to make abortion unthinkable in the post-Roe cultural landscape. In “Justice for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers,” Benjamin shared insights on how a renewed commitment to holistic justice and human flourishing can make a big difference in the fight for life.

CULTURE (AND/OR) EDUCATION continued

Focus On The Family

Monday, August 28th

9:00 p.m. (28:30)

Imagine being raised to ‘worship’ a political leader, only to find he’s committed suicide, and his Master Plan has failed. Where do you turn? As a Nazi Youth leader during WWII, Hansi Hirschmann believed in Hitler’s Third Reich, and was devastated by his death. After escaping from a communist labor camp, Hansi sought freedom in the West, and started to consider the true meaning of life. She ultimately discovered the ultimate leader, Jesus Christ, and a new home in America. She shared her story in part one of the two-part series, “Lord, Keep Us Free.”

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Focus On The Family

Thursday, September 14th

9:00 p.m. (28:30)

In “A Hopeful View of America’s Future,” Tim Goeglein, Vice President of External and Government Relations for Focus on the Family, encouraged listeners to honor America’s remarkable spiritual heritage, while inspiring us to influence the culture with faith and optimism. He shared about the vision, faith, and hopes of America’s Founding Fathers and the importance of understanding our history and preserving our moral values and religious freedoms.

FAMILY WELFARE

Focus On The Family

Wednesday, July 12th

9:00 p.m. (28:30)

In part one of the two-part series “Becoming Friends With Your In-Laws,” Dr. Gary Chapman offered seven principles that will radically transform your relationship with your in-laws. By learning and practicing these basic communication skills, you will build and strengthen the connection you have with your spouse’s parents and siblings. It’s not an overnight process, but a journey that will revive and improve any relationship.

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Focus On The Family

Thursday, August 4th

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Parenting has its challenging moments, but the rewards and laughter can outweigh the struggles. In “Parenting Struggles and What They Teach,” Ken Swarner provided humorous stories and lighthearted spiritual lessons about parenting with humility and trusting God.

FAMILY WELFARE continued

Focus On The Family
Friday, September 8th
9:00 p.m. (28:30)

In “The Truth Behind Mommy Platitudes,” speaker and author Becky Baudouin offered helpful encouragement for moms. She examined some parenting platitudes that well-intentioned people say—such as “Enjoy every minute!” or “Being a mom is the hardest job in the world.” With biblical truth, gritty honesty, and personal stories, Becky bolstered moms in the thick of it and, as someone who has “been there”, offered them a breath of fresh air.

Focus On The Family
Friday, September 22nd
9:00 p.m. (28:30)

In “Showing Your Child Their True Worth,” author Peter Mutabazi shared his journey from street kid to foster dad. As a young kid on the streets of Kampala, Uganda, Peter’s life changed when one man showed compassion and kindness. Now he’s giving back, opening his home to children in foster care. Learn how you can come alongside kids in need by showing them God’s love, grace, and mercy.

PHYSICAL/MENTAL HEALTH

Focus On The Family
Friday, August 18th
9:00 p.m. (28:30)

When addiction steps in, your family may be turned upside down. In “Helping Your Loved One Find Freedom From Addiction,” author and pastor Victor Torres shared his dramatic story of growing up on the streets of New York City as a gang member and a heroin addict and how God intervened to change his life. He identified some signs of substance abuse and offered some first steps toward hope and healing for your addicted loved one.

PHYSICAL/MENTAL HEALTH continued

Focus On The Family

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Feelings can be confusing for children to experience and express. In “Encouraging Your Kids to Discuss Their Feelings,” Dr. Joshua Straub equipped listeners to create a safe environment in your home, so that your children can express what they are feeling and learn how to manage their emotions.

RELIGION

Focus On The Family

Tuesday, July 4th

9:00 p.m. (28:30)

In “Revolutionary Faith in the Birth of America” author and historian, Rod Gragg recounted fascinating stories of our nation’s history and how Christians can learn from the faith of America’s past leaders. He shared about the first Independence Day celebration, and how churches today can flourish in the midst of a cultural shift away from a Biblical worldview.

Focus On The Family

Friday, July 21st

9:00 p.m. (28:30)

Every generation of Christians wrestles with big questions. In “Living as Salt and Light In Today’s Culture,” Dr. Del Tackett shared his passion to examine and answer these questions based upon his thorough study of the Scripture, worldview teaching, and his keen insights into today’s culture. He also warned believers about 'Me-focused' Christianity and encouraged families to engage their neighbors with love and long-term fellowship.

Focus On The Family

Friday, August 4th

9:00 p.m. (28:30)

J. Warner Wallace is a former cold-case detective and former atheist. Then he used his investigative skills to explore the Christian worldview, and he discovered the claims in the Bible to be true. Now he encourages others to better understand the Christian faith and defend it by asking the tough questions of young people in a post-Christian culture. In “Reaching the Next Generation For Christ,” a discussion directed at parents, Wallace shared about big cultural challenges for young people today – Gen Z in particular – and about the importance of passing on our faith.

RELIGION continued

Focus On The Family

Wednesday, September 27th

9:00 p.m. (28:30)

In part one of the two-part series, “Sharing the Gospel Through Hospitality,” Dr. Rosaria Champagne Butterfield challenged listeners to share God's love by opening their home to strangers, neighbors, and anyone in need, in a discussion based on her book, *The Gospel Comes With a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in Our Post-Christian World*.

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YOUTH/STUDENT

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9:00 p.m. (28:30)

In part one of the two-part series, “Giving Your Teen Freedom to Become an Adult,” psychologist Dr. Kenneth Wilgus offered parents a strategy of “planned emancipation” whereby they can help prepare their teens for adulthood by carefully and progressively withdrawing their control over key areas of their teen's life.

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In “Raising Godly Children in Today’s Culture,” speaker and author Arlene Pellicane shared fun stories and power-packed research to encourage parents with nuts-and-bolts reminders of strong parenting—teaching respect, instilling character, and spending intentional time with your children.

Focus On The Family

Thursday, July 20th

9:00 p.m. (28:30)

In “Guiding Your Daughter Into Womanhood,” author Robin Jones Gunn and family therapist Jenny Coffey stressed that Mom should be the safest person in her daughter’s life – where the conversation about puberty and development can be ongoing. The duo explained that a girl’s self-image and self-esteem will be profoundly impacted by how parents navigate this child’s first exposure to sexuality. Robin and Jenny also described how moms can initiate the “sex talk” conversation with their daughters.

YOUTH/STUDENT continued

Focus On The Family

Tuesday, August 8th

9:00 p.m. (28:30)

In “Navigating the Early Grade School Years,” author Erin MacPherson and her mother, Ellen Schuknecht, an educator, offered encouragement and advice to moms of early grade school-aged children.

Focus On The Family

Friday, August 25th

9:00 p.m. (28:30)

In “Braving Middle School Like a Boss,” best-selling author Jonathan Catherman and his teen sons, Reed and Cole, offered encouragement to parents and kids who are worried about leaving behind the familiarity of elementary school to transition to middle school. They covered topics that included bullies, relationship drama, communication with parents, and much more.

KWPZ served the local community with on-air announcements of major road closures, major traffic diversions and Amber Alerts, alerting the listening area to an abducted child and breaking news topics.

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