

## FRIENDSHIP CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS



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Dear Pastor Ken and all our dear friends at Calvary Bible Church,

We are all so deeply encouraged by your generous support, and the great outpouring of donations from our faithful donors! It is a new day in the pro-life community - Hallelujah! Every January for the last 50 years, pro-life advocates have gathered in Washington, D.C. for the March for Life, on the Friday closest to the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized the so-called "constitutional right" to abortion in the U.S. This year, we celebrate the June 24th, 2022, Supreme Court decision overturning that decision, and returning the issue of abortion and restrictions to the individual states. In the months following that decision, about 15 states had "trigger" laws protecting pre-born children after a certain point in the pregnancy, including 13 that have banned abortion. Georgia protects pre-born children after a fetal heartbeat can be detected, and Texas does the same, causing the number of abortions in that state to fall by 55%. Even state-level incremental laws, such as parental involvement, have been shown by research to lower the incidence of abortion.

So, we have much to wholeheartedly thank God for, while at the same time acknowledging that there is much work to do in our own state of New Jersey, where there are as yet, no restrictions at all on abortion. We choose to allow the successes elsewhere to challenge our own efforts: nationwide there are more than 2,700 life-affirming pregnancy resource centers like ours, greatly outnumbering abortion centers; over 100 abortion clinics have closed and over 600 abortion staff have permanently left their jobs. However, over 50% of the almost one million abortions in the U.S. are now done via the abortion pill, whereas 20 years ago only 6% used this method. Further, in April 2021, the FDA lifted restrictions on mail-order abortion pills, so that it is no longer necessary for a pregnant mother even to see an abortion clinic doctor.

At our strategic planning meeting, our Board affirmed the need to make every effort to reduce abortions using multiple proven methods, as the Lord provides the personnel: continuing to prioritize sharing the Gospel for salvation, and participation in a local church for mutual encouragement in godly living; strengthening marriages, as nearly 90% of the women who choose abortion are unmarried; teaching parenting skills, as teens from strong families with Christian friends are at much less risk of unwed pregnancy; and outreach to local college students, as this age group currently have the highest risk of abortion. In our next newsletter, we will be sharing wise ways to help pro-abortion family members or friends to seriously consider the sanctity of pre-born human life - please be praying with us that God will help us to nurture a community where God's gift of life will be treasured and protected to His Glory!

Together in His service,



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Each month's prayer calendar has many people who are the *same* – our Board members, staff and volunteers – and several *new* items for prayer this particular month – outreaches, conferences, etc. We have listed below some special ways that we would request prayer for single moms, and everyone whose name is mentioned on the prayer calendar, and also as the Lord would individually guide your prayers for us:

## **Single Mom Families** – “God is a Father to the fatherless.” *Psalms 68:5*

“The Lord gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.” *Isaiah 40:11*

- ❖ That Jesus will fill their hearts with His love
- ❖ That those single through divorce or separation will find healing and new hope
- ❖ That God will center the relationship of those who choose marriage, in Christ
- ❖ That God will meet the spiritual and physical needs of the children, and that their mothers be strengthened with grace, wisdom and love through the Holy Spirit

## **For Staff and Volunteers:**

**Spiritual Life** – “When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty.” *Jeremiah 15:16*

- ❖ Consistent times of prayer and learning from Scripture
- ❖ Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self control

**Ministry** – “If a man remain in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.” *John 15:5*

- ❖ Truth and grace in sharing the Gospel
- ❖ Wisdom in the use of time and energy, and a continued spirit of cooperation amongst us, expressed in an eagerness to learn from each other

**Family** – “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders, and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked for us.” *Hebrews 12:1*

- ❖ Strong marital and parent/child relationships
- ❖ That our family lives would reflect what we teach

**Physical needs** – “And my God will meet all your needs, according to His glorious riches in Jesus Christ.” *Philippians 4:19*

- ❖ That we and our families are kept healthy and safe
- ❖ That the financial support, needed to accomplish all that God plans through us, would be provided



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**Thank you so much for praying with us – God bless you!**



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# Prayer Calendar

## February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Lucy Bush Board Vice-Chair/Prayer Committee	2 Pray for the youth outreach at the Hunter Hills Apartments	3 Pray for new way to reach our community thru "RightNow Media"	4 That God will continue to transform our community as we pray for revival
5 Evangel Chapel Pastor Tim Kaetzel Pastor Dan Fisher	6 Mark Vesper Board Chair	4 Dave Stryker Building & Property	5 Linda Schneider Senior Peer Counselor	6 Rosana Lizana Hispanic Peer Counselor	7 Carol Willey Hispanic Peer Counselor	8 Pray that our scholarships would help each child who needs tutoring
9 Calvary Bible Church Pastor Ken Staples	10 Ken Staples Board Youth Chair	11 Pray that God would use our small group to strengthen Hispanic marriages	12 Jeannie Avery Board Member	13 Mimi Koontz Co-Director	14 <b>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY</b> 	15 Pray for more bassinets, single & double strollers for our clients babies
16 Cherryville Baptist Church	17 Yari Gonzalez Hispanic Peer Counselor	18 George Moyer Board Member	19 Will Gonzalez Co-Director	20 Sam Maldonado Board Treasurer	22 Miriam Maldonado Board Secretary	23 Pray for work groups to help with maintenance
24 Cornerstone Christian Church Pastor Keith Harris	25 Pray for creative outreaches to fathers in our community	26 Pray for many to meet Christ as Lord and Savior this year!	27 Jummy Adejuyigbe Board Media	28 Pray for people to have diaper drives for our single moms		