

FRIENDSHIP CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS



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

Thank you so much for your generous donation, which encourages and inspires us all as we continue to be your hands extended to our community for the lives of the unborn. We are especially grateful to those of you who have stood with us for so many years as we have persevered steadfastly to fight for life in the multiple ways that we learned impact a young person's choices. Recent research confirms the need to not only pass laws against abortion, but also to win hearts and minds to choose life, since nearly 90% of abortions take place before 9 weeks' pregnancy - before the pregnancy is even known to others, who hopefully might help them to carry the baby to term, now that over half are at-home chemical abortions, this further isolate young women from pro-life counsel. Further, 26 states still have few or no protections for life, and sadly, our own state of New Jersey is one of those. We wish we had the opportunity to convey our deep appreciation and respect to you, for refusing to back down in disappointment and frustration; instead have stood firm knowing that " in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

On this month, in which we celebrate the Sanctity of Human Life, created in the image of God, we would like to share with you some of the ways that we are seeking to do all we can to lower the abortions in our area: we continue of course to ensure that young mothers facing an unwanted pregnancy can find us easily, so that we can share with them the preciousness of life and encourage them, doing all we can to enable them to choose life for their baby. Pastor Will works with his helpers to teach God's Ways to 40 children and teens who live in our local apartments, knowing that a recent report by the CDC shows that male and female teenagers still cite faith as their main reason for not cohabiting and for saving sex for marriage. Since nearly 90% of abortions are done on unmarried women, clearly this is a vital necessity to reach teens with the Gospel; just as it is vital to do all we can to strengthen marriages, since about half the unmarried who have abortions are divorced and cohabiting. Pastor Will and his wife are currently taking a group of couples through a 12-week seminar PTL! Further, we are asking the Lord to increase our impact in local colleges, since this has proven to be the most abortion-vulnerable group. Please would you continue to pray that God will give much long-lasting fruit in these outreaches? Thank you again for your generous support, and may the Lord greatly bless you in this new year!

Together in His service,

Jeannie Avery

Jeannie Avery, Board Member



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Dear Friends,

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.” *Psalm 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



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



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Prayer Calendar

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 Sam Maldonado Board Treasurer	3 Miriam Maldonado Board Secretary	4 We thank the Lord for such a generous Christmas outpouring of support!	5 Ilda Morales Hispanic Peer Counselor	6 Pray for the children in single parent families that they may come to know the love of Christ
7 Old Rocks Church Pastor David Erickson	8 Pray for God's guidance and continued provision in 2024	9 Pray for God to bless the marriage classes for Hispanic couples meeting here	10 Pray for groups to help provide Pampers and Huggies diapers sizes 4, 5, and 6	11 Please pray for the health and safety of our volunteers, staff and clients	12 Mimi Koontz Co-Director	13 Pray for marriages in crisis to be healed through God's grace
14 South Ridge Comm. Church Pastors Nathan Tuckey Jeremy Moore Jon Ciotta (Y)	15 Yari Gonzalez Hispanic Peer Counselor	16 Will Gonzalez Co-Director	17 Pray for the Pro-Life efforts nationwide and in New Jersey especially	18 George Moyer Board Member	19 Jeannie Avery Board Member	20 Pray for many to meet Christ as Lord and Savior this year!
21 SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE WEEK	22 Ken Staples Board Chair for Youth	23 That God will continue to transform our community as we pray for revival	24 Linda Schneider Senior Peer Counselor	25 Pray for our winter outreach with the children at the apartments	26 Pray for God to bless our faithful donors in the New Year!	27 Pray for our outreach to teens and parents this year
28 Calvary Bible Church Pastors: Ken Staples	29 Jummy Adejuyigbe Board Chair for Media	30 Rosana Lizana Hispanic Peer Counselor	31 Pray that our scholarships would help each child who needs tutoring			