

Friendship Center for New Beginnings

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There is so much good news to thank God for, that it reminds us of the angel's message to the shepherds at the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Behold I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10. God has been doing more than we could even ask or imagine in His Church, and in this nation PTL!

First, as the Washington Stand reported last month, 'Church attendance across the United States is experiencing a significant resurgence, reversing years of decline...and Bible sales through August hit 10 million copies, which was a jump of over one million compared to the previous year.

Second, according to the 2025 Barna survey, it is not just that God is increasing our numbers, but also that He is deepening our hunger for discipleship in His Ways:

'A full 55% of churchgoers said it was "very" important for the church to offer more instruction on a Biblical worldview. Majorities of churchgoers also desired more teaching on a Christian's social and political responsibility, specifically including human sexuality, abortion, and the value of life'.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." Matthew 5: 6

This time of year, is a wonderful opportunity for evangelism – people's hearts seem more open to discuss spiritual matters during this season PTL! Since we do not ask for or receive government funding in any way, we are free to share the Gospel, and Biblical advice and counsel in all that we do.

Whenever a new client visits us, we always seek to do whatever we can to meet their physical needs first, and then we explain that as a Christian outreach, we would like to help them with any spiritual questions or needs they may have – over the years we have seen many come to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, and then we always urge them to make it a priority to participate regularly with their children in a local Biblically-faithful church.

Naturally, at Christmas, we usually get a lot of new visitors, as single mothers in the community hear that no client leaves Friendship Center without a Christmas gift for each child!

If you would like to partner with us in providing for the needs of local fatherless families, **we decided to put our complete needs list on the back page this year**, so it would be in good time for any individuals, churches or agencies who may want to do some early Christmas shopping for them, ready to hand out during December!



“YOU FORMED MY INWARD PARTS: YOU KNITTED ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER’S WOMB.” Psalm 139:13

You will note from the Newsmax graph below, that an increasing number of people in the U.S. are choosing not to have children. Certainly, the current ease of access to the abortion pill has a role in this. We had hoped that when Roe v Wade was overturned by the Supreme Court in 2022, allowing each state to decide the issue for themselves, that abortions would decrease, but there are still over a million abortions each year in our nation, and over 60% are through the abortion pill, Mifepristone.

About half our states have varying degrees of protection for the lives of unborn babies, but the federal Comstock law that prohibits any product used for abortion from being shipped through the mail, has not been enforced. This creates a loophole through which abortionists evade state laws that protect unborn life. In fact, the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) stated in an August study this year that 84% of the chemical abortion pills shipped by one of the largest suppliers go into pro-life states.

A major study published by the Ethics and Public Policy Center earlier this year showed that nearly 11% of women who take Mifepristone suffer serious adverse effects, including sepsis, infection and hemorrhaging, especially when dispensed without in-person doctor supervision.

We were therefore so encouraged to hear that 22 state attorneys general asked the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) to review the drug, since these new studies showed much higher rates of adverse effects than the studies which were used to justify the drug’s initial approval, and subsequent loosening of most safeguards.

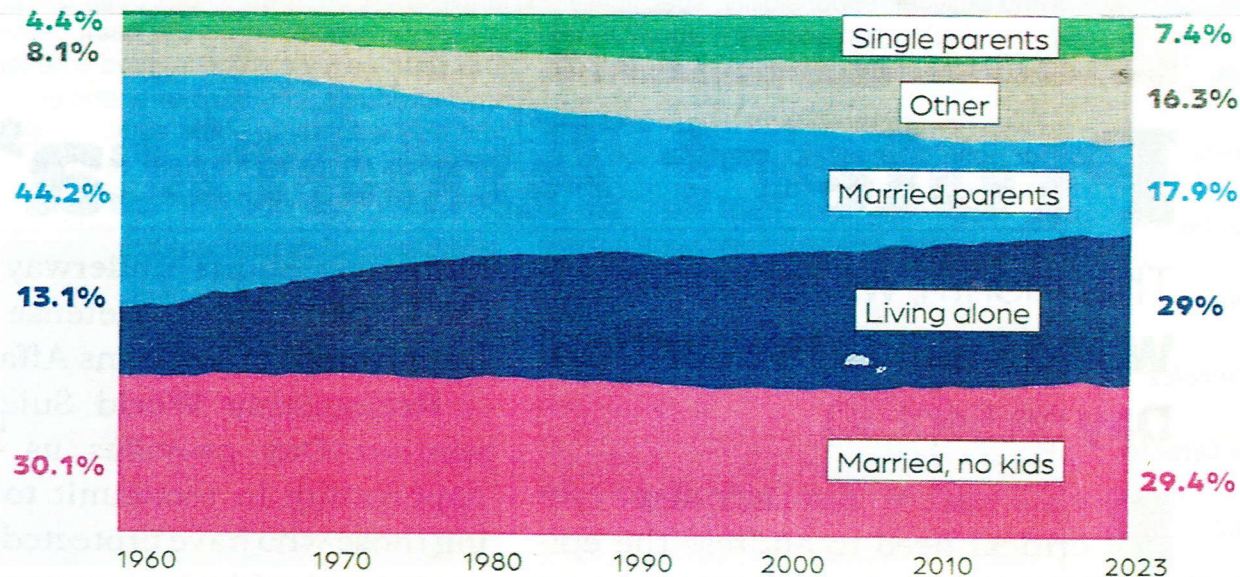
In response, the Health and Human Services Secretary, and the FDA Commissioner, stated they will conduct their ‘own review of the evidence, including real-world outcomes and evidence, relating to the safety and efficacy of the drug...in order to determine if modifications are necessary.’

Please be praying with us that these new steps will make the risks to the mother’s health so blatantly obvious, that changes will be made, resulting in the saving of the lives of our precious unborn children.

How we thank God for you, our generous donors, who have stood faithfully by us through the ups and downs of this battle for life that we are fighting! We honor your commitment to ensure that there continues to be a place where those needing help to carry their babies to term can find the support they need. Not only that, but most continue to come while the child is at home, so that your kindness, by God’s grace, provides a firm foundation for reaching their God-given potential! **Thankyou!**

The Changing Structure of U.S. Households

Share of households by type, 1960-2023:



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

“SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE” EPHESIANS 4:15

The map of the U.S. below shows a compilation of data by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) showing estimates of adults who identified as lesbians or gays in each state for 2021. (The deeper the blue, the higher the %) The Washington Stand for October 2025 notes that these numbers have begun to drop PTL!

Further encouraging news: in recent annual surveys of 55-70,000 undergraduate students, the transgender share among university students, which peaked in 2023, has dropped precipitously, being almost halved since then from 7% to under 4%, PTL!

An analysis by Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, suggests the possibility that before 2023, the deviation from sexual and gender norms may well have been driven by peer pressure, and spread like a ‘social contagion’ - that young people wanting desperately to be accepted in a peer group, adopted an LGBTQ identity, so that, all of a sudden, they entered a protected class, that no-one would dare to speak against.

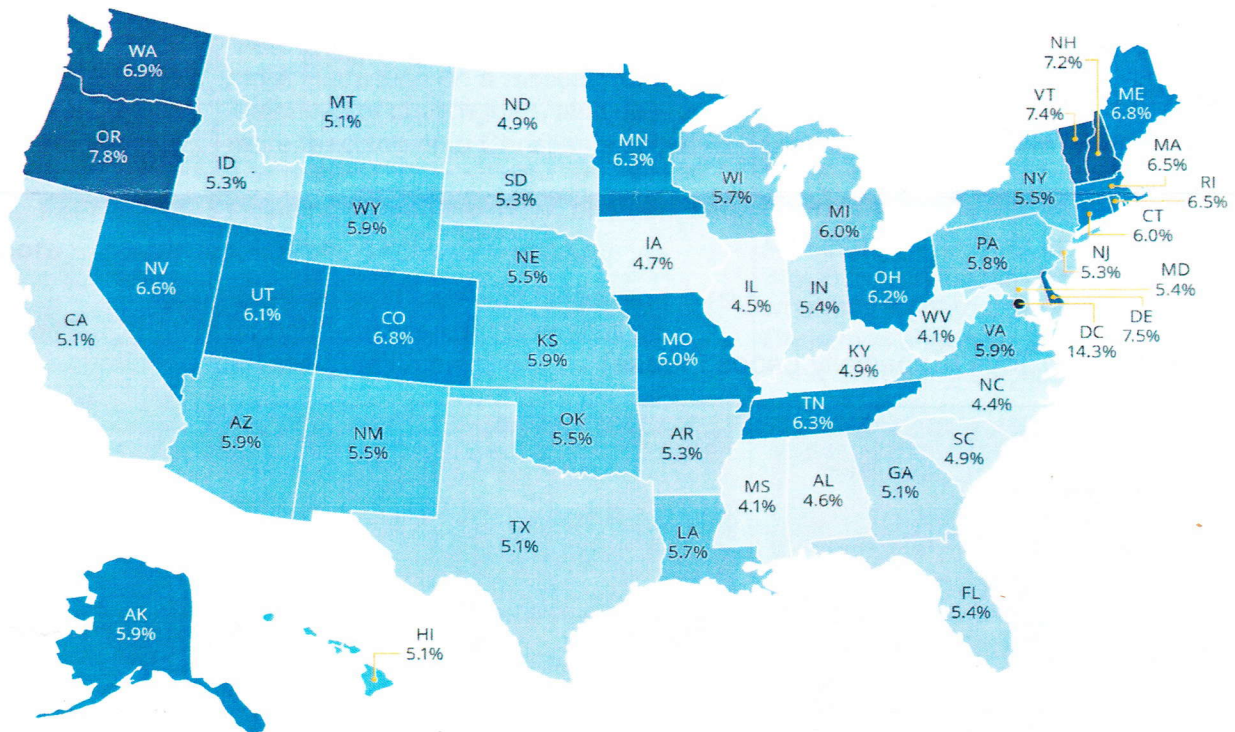
Please pray with us for God to continue to work mightily in our teens!

Now that the cultural wave is changing, the ‘cool’ factor fades, and so does its appeal for social approval. The official U.S. government position, reported in Newsmax in April 2025, is that there are only two genders, male and female, as the Bible clearly states in Genesis 1:27, and federal funding has been blocked for schools that insist on teaching gender fluidity.

In our own Hunterdon County, NJ Family Policy Center invited us this summer to pray for success for a legal challenge to a local high school’s policy of concealing the teen’s gender transition from the parents.

Further, for the first time since the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage, in the Obergefell v. Hodges decision in 2015, a formal request to overturn it has been brought by Kim Davis, represented by the Liberty Counsel, together with an appeal against her \$380,000 legal fees from 2015, for refusing to issue marriage licenses to two same- sex couples, because of her Christian beliefs.

Please pray with us for these courageous efforts!



NEEDS LIST 2025

FRIENDSHIP CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR SHOPRITE AND WAL-MART

are like pure gold for our single moms! In suggested amounts of \$20.00, please.

BABY ITEMS:

DIAPERS: – Huggies and Pampers ONLY please, as these are best on allergic skins!

Sizes **3,4,5, and 6 only**

- Unscented BABY WIPES
- Baby Wash/Lotion/Shampoo/Diaper Rash Cream
- Laundry Detergent
- Bibs

BOYS & GIRLS

- Boots: – children's size 2T through size 6
- Blanket Sleepers – birth – 2T
- Hats and gloves
- Snowsuits – birth - 2T
- Socks – Toddler - adult
- Tights: – Toddler – size 10
- Underwear: - Toddler – size 12
- Sweat pants up to size 6
- Coats size: –2T – 14/16
- Fall/Winter Clothing – birth -2T

BEDDING

- Receiving Blankets
- Crib Quilts
- Crib Pads
- Crib Sheets

TOYS

- Construction Toys (Especially Legos Please)
- Play doh
- Dolls,
- Trucks/car
- Infant developmental toys
- Board Bible story books

Please No puzzles or board games (as they do not seem needed)